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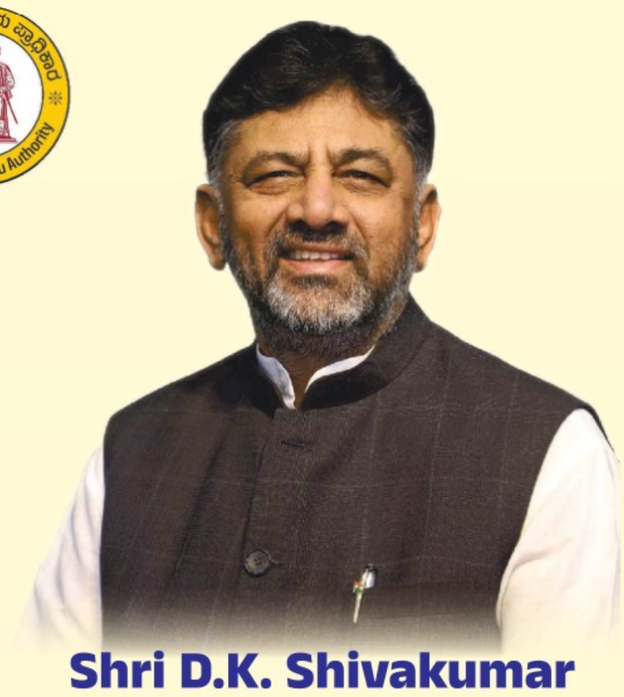

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Trump and Xi discuss trade, Taiwan

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

The U.S. and China appeared to come to an uneasy truce on trade, Taiwan, and the future of an increasingly contested relationship, as their leaders met for talks in Beijing on Thursday. Chinese President Xi Jinping told visiting U.S. President Donald Trump that relations could descend to "clashes and conflicts" if the Taiwan question, which he described as "the most important issue in China-U.S. relations", was not managed properly, according to the Chinese readout of the talks. "If it is handled properly, the bilateral relationship will enjoy overall stability. Otherwise, the two countries will have clashes and even conflicts, putting the relationship in great jeopardy," he said.

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Unseasonal storms leave 111 dead in Uttar Pradesh

At least 72 people injured as heavy rain and thunderstorms wreak havoc across State; 179 livestock losses, damage to 227 houses reported; CM directs officials to aid victims, release compensation

Mayank Kumar
LUCKNOW

Over a hundred people were killed across Uttar Pradesh after powerful storms and unseasonal heavy rain pounded the State, uprooting trees and electric poles and damaging houses, on Wednesday and Thursday.

Large-scale storms, lightning, and thunder strikes caused significant damage across several districts over the past 36 hours, State Relief Commissioner Hrishikesh Bhaskar Yashod said on Thursday, adding that the situation is being monitored.

"Reports of 111 deaths were received from 26 districts. 72 persons were injured, 170 livestock losses and damage to 227 houses have been reported," the Relief Commissioner's office said in a statement.

Extensive damage: An uprooted tree blocks a road in Prayagraj district of Uttar Pradesh on Wednesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

At least four people each died in the districts of Barabanki, Bahraich, Kanpur Dehat, Basti, Sambhal, Hardoi, and Unnao.

A video of the extreme weather event circulated in social media showed a man being hurled into the air in Bareilly district during strong winds on Wednesday. The man was taking shelter under a tin shed when the storm reportedly ripped off the structure, throwing both the shed and the man several feet into the air before he crashed to the ground with minor injuries.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath directed district magistrates and other officials to "immediately visit the affected sites and provide assistance to the victims and release compensation," and sought updates every three hours, an official statement said.

Noting that lakhs of people have been badly affected by the storms, Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav asked the government to provide comprehensive relief. "The government should carry out relief and rescue work on a war footing, immediate arrangements should be made for the best possible free treatment for the injured, food and water should be made available as soon as possible, the dead should be cremated with respect," he said in a post on X.

Satheesan chosen as Kerala CM; swearing-in on Monday

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Senior Congress leader V.D. Satheesan will be sworn in as Kerala's next Chief Minister on Monday, with the party's leadership finally declaring its choice on Thursday, 10 days after the Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) swept the Assembly election. Following his formal selection as the leader of the Congress Legislature Party in the State, Mr. Satheesan, accompanied by senior Congress leaders, met Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar at the Lok Bhavan and staked his claim to form the government.

Talking to presspersons after the announcement, the Chief Minister-designate expressed his resolve to build a new Kerala by raising the living standards of the people and fulfilling the UDF's election promises.

Mr. Satheesan, 61, will take oath as Chief Minister at 10 a.m. on Monday at the Central Stadium in the State's capital. Further clarity on how many Ministers will be sworn in along with him is expected after a UDF meeting scheduled for Friday. All the remaining MLAs will be sworn in on May 21.

The UDF had scored a landslide victory in the election, winning 102 of the 140 seats in the State Assembly and ending the ten-year rule of the Pinarayi Vijayan-led Left Democratic Front. Meanwhile the Communist Party of India (Marxist) State committee on Thursday unanimously elected Mr. Vijayan as its legislative party leader, paving the way for him to be the Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly.

Suspense ends: V. D. Satheesan addressing the media in Thiruvananthapuram on Thursday. NIRMAL HARINDRAN

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Kohli and the art of agelessness

The 37-year-old is showing no signs of stopping despite being closer to the end of his storied career; the unbeaten IPL century on Wednesday was just another reminder of the enviable force that he is in the ever-evolving T20 game

EMMANUAL YOGINI

R. Kaushik

Venus Williams is a multiple-time Grand Slam champion, in singles and doubles. The American boasts five Wimbledon and two US Open singles titles, to go with a staggering 14 doubles crowns across all four Majors, all of them alongside younger Serena.

The siblings have won three Olympic Games doubles gold medals, while Venus is a singles gold medallist too, having gone all the way at the Sydney Games in 2000. But she is no longer the force she once used to be, of course.

In 2011, she was diagnosed with Sjogren's Syndrome, a chronic systemic autoimmune disease which affects the entire body and is generally characterised by dry eyes, dry mouth, fatigue and joint pain. But typical of the spunk and spirit that have been the hallmark of a journey which began in October 1994, she refused to let it define her or her career.

Legend of longevity

Venus is now 45, has been on the circuit for nearly 32 years, and while she has clearly slowed down, she is showing no signs of stopping.

Last September, she reached the quarterfinals of the women's doubles event at the US Open in the company of Leylah Fernandez. In a fortnight's time, she will line up at the French Open alongside Hailey Baptiste, a 24-year-old fellow American, while waiting to see if she will be awarded a wildcard for the singles competition.

Singles play has increasingly gotten unrewarding for the superstar, who has won just seven matches on the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) Tour since the beginning of 2021 (her record is an unflattering 7-32).

Her last Tour win came in July 2025, and she is sitting on a 10-match losing streak. But for Venus, tennis is no longer about just winning or losing. It's what she loves doing the most, hitting balls on a court, though there is a lot more to Venus Williams than just tennis.

Age is no barrier

Not unlike Cristiano Ronaldo, the Portuguese ace. With a small difference – winning still means the world to the 41-year-old.

Ronaldo has won just about everything there is to win – Premier League titles, LaLiga crowns, Champions League trophies, the Euro, Nations League and Ballon d'Or. He is now totally committed to winning a maiden league title in Saudi Arabia, where he has been representing Al Nassr since 2023.

He has scored 26 goals in 33 Saudi Pro League (SPL) fixtures this season and should wrap his hands around another trophy in a few days' time, though everyone who is even remotely invested in football knows that the SPL title isn't his ultimate goal.

That is the FIFA World Cup, where Portugal have never so much as made the finals. Ronaldo is primed for one last shot at the most coveted silverware in football when the World Cup begins in the Americas next month.

Portugal have the team to get there; if Ronaldo needs further inspiration (doubtful), he only has to think of the other great champion of his generation, Lionel Messi, whose persistence was finally rewarded four years ago in Qatar where Argentina defeated France on penalties.

Messi is 38 but as prolific as ever as he eyes a second crown; he was his country's leading scorer with eight goals in the South American World Cup qualifying campaign and is primed for a sixth appearance at the sport's flagship event.

Three champions - one 45, another 41, the third 38 - pursuing their passion and quest of excellence, driven by different ambitions but united by commitment.

Among pantheon of greats

Just like a 37-year-old (significantly younger than all bar Messi) who knows not what it is to go slow, who hasn't heard of the phrase 'take it easy', who is consumed by his love for his sport and who is the ultimate role model for peers and younger generations alike.

On Wednesday night, Virat Kohli made a sparkling, record-extending ninth IPL ton. Okay, so 'sparkling' is redundant because he doesn't make centuries of any other kind.

No one needs any proof, ever, that Kohli is anything but switched on; Wednesday was mere affirmation of the pride in performance that nestles in his lithe frame. That, and his unwavering desire to put team above everything else, no matter what.

Kohli was coming off a brace of ducks – rarer than hen's teeth – in his previous two outings, which lasted a grand total of three deliveries. In one of those strange quirks, he had gone from not courting a nought for three years to suffering that indignity twice in as many knocks.

A zero is just that and nothing more, no reflection on an individual's ability – Sunil Gavaskar was dismissed off the first ball of a Test three times, G.R. Vishwanath's first Test innings read 0 – but in a number-driven game, it rankles, however infrequently it might come about.

Small wins matter

No one was more mindful of the need to get off the mark on Wednesday than Kohli. Not pressure, not reinforcement, but just that natural urge to get off the dreaded nought. So, when he nudged debutant left-arm pacer Saurabh Dubey for a single to mid-wicket off the last ball of the first over of Royal Challengers Bengaluru's chase against Kolkata Knight Riders, he 'celebrated' the event with a first pump. How cute.

Kohli was playing to the gallery, of course, knowing that seldom had one run delighted so many. He must have been relieved that he had staved off the hat-trick (of zeroes), but he hadn't taken guard just to get off the mark.

There was a match to be won, a job to be completed, a target to be chased down. And, as history will testify, no one is more adept at chasing down the target than the right-hander with a computer for a brain and with a game that can only remain an elusive mirage for mere mortals.

It's no secret that Kohli is now only a one-format international (he has been for 12 months) and because that format (50-over cricket) isn't as prevalent as the other two, he doesn't have access to the same game-time as those involved in either Tests or T20 Internationals.

That means he, like Rohit Sharma, his successor as the National captain, must find ways to keep himself physically fit, mentally sorted and be on top of his game batting-wise. Both champions understand that they are under greater scrutiny than before, and than the others.

How they have responded is a lesson in self-motivation and the hunger and discipline that only rests with the truly driven.

Kohli is a camera-magnet, and he loves the attention. He is the consummate showman, able to switch on a dazzling smile and ditch it, all in the space of a fraction of a second. He loves engaging with the crowd – on his terms – and has been more animated this IPL season than ever before.

Truly one of a kind

He celebrates an opposition wicket like it is his first match, not his trillionth, and he still launches into awe-inspiring stroke-making with a silken touch and an innate orthodoxy that not even the supposedly unyielding demands of the 20-over game have impacted adversely.

He is electric on the field, is his worst critic when there is that almost impossible eventuality - a misfield - and runs between the wickets like he is still trying to make a name and establish himself, not like someone with 14,027 T20 runs (he became the fastest to that milestone in Raipur on Wednesday) or with more than 28,000 (and counting) international runs.

Kohli does everything (very, very well) in fast-forward mode without even attempting to do so. He makes the most difficult appear ridiculously commonplace and straightforward; maybe his batting should come with a disclaimer – 'Performed by an expert, don't try this at home'.

Even as he is still a student who, by his own admission, learns something new every day, he is also a senior statesman and a mentor, tags that he lives up to effortlessly. Indeed, minutes after his unbeaten 105 muscled the defending champions to the top of the table, Kohli found time - and the energy - for an extended one-on-one conversation with Angkrish Raghuvanshi, the KKR wicketkeeper-batter who had made a polished half-century earlier.

The young man hung on to every word, understanding the privilege of being privy to the thinking of someone who has been there, done that.

Hungry for more

Like Ronaldo and Messi, Kohli has a clear goal ahead of him – the next 50-over World Cup in about 17 months' time in the Africas. A year and a half is a long time and so much can happen, but there is a sense of certainty that Kohli will leave no stone unturned if another chance to test himself against the best in the business still appeals to him.

And rest assured, he won't be there merely for the ride.

THE GIST

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SRI PADMAVATI MAHILA VISVAVIDYALAYAM (WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY), TIRUPATI.

RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION FOR ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR & PROFESSOR POSITIONS FOR REGULAR VACANCIES

(NOTIFICATION NO.4/SPMVV/T.ESTT./ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR & PROFESSOR (REGULAR)/2026, DT. 15.05.2026)

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online from Women Candidates only for **ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF REGULAR VACANCIES** for various departments on direct recruitment basis. Both Men and Women can apply for the post of Professor. However, other things being equal, women will be given preference.

Faculty Position	OC	SC			ST	BC					EWS
		I	II	III		A	B	C	D	E	
Associate Professors	08	01	01	00	01	01	01	01	00	00	01
Professors	04	01	00	00	00	01	00	00	00	00	00

TOTAL POSTS: ●Associate Professor - 15 ●Professor - 06

The detailed information of the above posts relating to qualification, experience, pay scales, reservation, link for submission of filled-in online application etc., can be obtained from the University **website: https://www.spmvv.ac.in** or **https://apuniversitiesrecruitment.apcfss.in**.

●**Receiving of the online applications will commence from 18.05.2026** ●**The last date for submission of online application is 08.06.2026 (by 5.00 pm IST).** ●**The last date for the submission of hardcopy of application (already submitted online) along with the self- attested relevant documents is 15.06.2026 (by 5.00 pm IST).**

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SRI PADMAVATI MAHILA VISVAVIDYALAYAM (WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY), TIRUPATI.

RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION FOR ASSISTANT PROFESSOR POSITIONS FOR REGULAR VACANCIES

(Notification No.2/SPMVV/T.Esst./Assistant Professor (Regular)/2026, Dt. 15.05.2026)

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Faculty Position	OC	SC			ST	BC					EWS
		I	II	III		A	B	C	D	E	
Assistant Professors	09	01	01	01	01	02	01	01	01	01	02

Total posts: 21:

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(Notification No.1/SPMVV/T.Estt./Backlog-SC&ST/2026, Dt. 15.05.2026)

(SC/ST Backlog)

Limited Recruitment Notification for SC/ST backlog vacancies – Assistant Professor.

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online from **Women Candidates only** for the following cadre of SC & ST Backlog Vacancies for various departments on direct recruitment basis.

Cadre	SC-I	SC-II	SC-III	ST	Total
Assistant Professor	-	-	-	01	01

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SELECTION OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR TO THE DAVANGERE UNIVERSITY, DAVANGERE.

Invitation of Application for the Post of Vice-Chancellor, Davangere University, Davangere as per Section 14(2) of Karnataka State University Act, 2000.

The Higher Education Department, Government of Karnataka invites Application for the Post of Vice-Chancellor, Davangere University, Davangere. The application should be submitted within Thirty Days (30) from the date of this Notification. The detailed application form and the further details are available on Higher Education Department website **https://hed.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Deputy Secretary to Government (Universities)
Department of Higher Education

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ADIKAVI NANNAYA UNIVERSITY, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM

Limited Recruitment Notification for SC & ST, BC Backlog Vacancies

(Notification No.1/AKNU/Associate Professor/Backlog - SC & ST, BC/2026, Date: 15.05.2026)

PART-A (SC&ST Backlog)

Limited Recruitment Notification for SC & ST Backlog Assistant Professor Vacancies

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following cadres of SC & ST backlog Assistant Professors for various Departments on direct recruitment basis:

Cadre	SC-II	Total Positions
Assistant Professor	1	1

PART-B (BC Backlog)

Limited Recruitment Notification for BC Backlog Assistant Professor Vacancies

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following cadres of BC backlog Assistant Professors Vacancies for various Departments on direct recruitment basis:

BC - BACKLOG VACANCIES		
Cadre	BC-A	Total
Assistant Professor	2	02

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Place:**RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM** **Sd/-Registrar**

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ADIKAVI NANNAYA UNIVERSITY, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM

Limited Recruitment Notification for SC & ST, BC Backlog Associate Professor Vacancies

(Notification No.3/AKNU/Associate Professor/Backlog - SC & ST, BC/2026, Date: 15.05.2026)

PART-A (SC&ST Backlog)

Limited Recruitment Notification for SC & ST Backlog Associate Professor Vacancies

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following cadres of SC & ST backlog Associate Professors for various Departments on direct recruitment basis:

Cadre	SC-I	ST	Total Positions	
			SC	ST
Associate Professor	2	1	2	1

PART-B (BC Backlog)

Limited Recruitment Notification for BC Backlog Vacancies

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following cadres of BC backlog Associate Professors for various Departments on direct recruitment basis:

BC - BACKLOG VACANCIES		
Cadre	BC-A	Total
Associate Professor	2	02

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Recruitment Notification for Associate Professor & Professor positions for Regular vacancies

(Employment Notification No.4/BRAU/Assoc. Prof & Professor Regular/2026, 15.05.2026)

Inviting applications in the prescribed format online for the following cadres of teaching positions for various departments on direct recruitment basis

Faculty Position	OC	SC			ST	BC					EWS	Total Posts
Associate Professor		I	II	III		A	B	C	D	E		
	05	01	01	-	01	01	01	-	-	-	-	10
Professor		I	II	III		A	B	C	D	E		
	02	01	-	-	-	01	-	-	-	-	.	04

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Dr. YSR ARCHITECTURE AND FINE ARTS UNIVERSITY

KADAPA – 516005, YSR KADAPA DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH.

Recruitment Notification for Assistant Professor positions for Regular vacancies

(Notification No.1/Dr.YSRAFU/Assistant Professor/Regular/2026, Dt: 15.05.2026)

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following Regular Vacancies for various Departments on direct recruitment basis.

Faculty Position	OC	SC			ST	BC					EWS
		I	II	III		A	B	C	D	E	
Assistant Professor	20	1	3	2	3	4	3	1	3	2	4

Total posts: 46

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KADAPA – 516005, YSR KADAPA DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH.

Recruitment Notification for Associate Professor & Professor positions for Regular vacancies

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Faculty Position	OC	SC			ST	BC					EWS	Total
		I	II	III		A	B	C	D	E		
Associate Professor	6	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	11
Professor	4	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	8

Total posts: 19

The detailed information of the above posts relating to qualification, experience, pay scales, reservation, link for submission of filled-in online application etc., can be obtained from the University website: **www.ysrafu.ac.in (OR) https://apuniversitiesrecruitment.apcfss.in**

Receiving of the online applications will commence from **18.05.2026.**

The last date for submission of online application is **08.06.2026 (by 5.00 pm IST).** The last date for the submission of hardcopy of application along with the self- attested relevant documents is **15.06.2026 (by 5.00 pm IST).**

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University Call Center: **8309865035 from 09:00 AM to 05:00 PM**

Sd/- REGISTRAR

SRI KRISHNADEVARAYA UNIVERSITY

ANANTHAPURAMU - 515003. A.P. INDIA

(ASSISTANT PROFESSOR REGULAR)

Limited Recruitment Notification for Assistant Professors Regular vacancies

(Notification No. 2/SKU/Asst. Prof. Regular/2026, Dt.14.05.2026)

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following cadres of Assistant Professor Regular Vacancies for various departments on direct recruitment basis.

Faculty Position	OC	SC			ST	BC					EWS	Total
		I	II	III		A	B	C	D	E		
Assistant Professors	21	1	3	3	3	4	4	1	3	2	4	49

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University Call Center: +91-7382632874 (Ph. No.) from 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM **Sd/- REGISTRAR**

SRI PADMAVATI MAHILA VISVAVIDYALAYAM (WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY), TIRUPATI.

(Notification No.3/SPMVV/T.Estt./Associate Professor/ Backlog-SC&ST, BC/2026, Dt. 15.05.2026)

PART-A (SC/ST Backlog)

Limited Recruitment Notification for SC/ST backlog vacancies-Associate Professor

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online from Women Candidates only for the following cadre of SC & ST Backlog Vacancies for various departments on direct recruitment basis.

Cadre	SC-I	SC-II	SC-III	ST	Total
Associate Professor	-	-	02	02	04

PART-B (BC Backlog): Recruitment notification for ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR POSITION FOR BC BACKLOG VACANCIES. Applications in the prescribed format are invited online from Women Candidates only for the following cadre of BC Backlog Vacancies for various departments on direct recruitment basis.

Cadre	BC(A)	BC(B)	BC(C)	BC(E)	Total
Associate Professor	1	-	-	-	01

The detailed information of the above posts relating to qualification, experience, pay scales, reservation, link for submission of filled-in online application etc., can be obtained from the University **website: https://www.spmvv.ac.in** or **https://apuniversitiesrecruitment.apcfss.in.** ●**Receiving of the online applications will commence from 18.05.2026** ● **The last date for submission of online application is 08.06.2026 (by 5.00 pm IST).** ● **The last date for the submission of hardcopy of application (already submitted online) along with the self- attested relevant documents is 15.06.2026 (by 5.00 pm IST).**

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University Call Center: 9247873911 from 09:00 AM to 05:00 PM **Sd/- REGISTRAR (FAC)**

ANDHRA UNIVERSITY

VISAKHAPATNAM, ANDHRA PRADESH, INDIA
RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION

Recruitment notification for Associate Professor positions for Regular Vacancies

(Employment Notification No.S.II(1)/6849/1-790/2026(4), date 15.05.2026)

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following Regular Vacancies of teaching positions for various Departments on direct recruitment basis.

Associate Professors - 29

OC	SC-I	SC-II	SC-III	ST	BC-A	BC-B	BC-C	BC-D	BC-E	EWS
12	01	02	02	02	03	02	01	01	01	02

The detailed information of the above posts relating to qualification, experience, pay scales, reservation, link for submission of filled-in online application etc., can be obtained from the University website: **www.andhrauniversity.edu.in. (or) https://apuniversitiesrecruitment.apcfss.in**

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NOTE: 1. The University reserves the right to fill or not to fill any of the post(s) without giving any reason whatsoever.
2. For any queries, please contact the University Call Centre between **10.30 A.M. and 05.00 P.M.** at **Phone No.9866416699, e-mail id: facultyrecruitment2026@andhrauniversity.edu.in.**

Date: 15.05.2026 **Sd/- Registrar**

SRI KRISHNADEVARAYA UNIVERSITY

ANANTHAPURAMU - 515003. A.P. INDIA

PART-A (ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR REGULAR)

Limited Recruitment Notification for Associate Professors Regular vacancies

(Notification No.4/SKU/ Prof. & Asso. Prof. Regular/2026, Dt.14.05.2026)

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following cadres of Associate Professor Regular Vacancies for various departments on direct recruitment basis.

Faculty Position	OC	SC			ST	BC					EWS	Total
		I	II	III		A	B	C	D	E		
Associate Professors	09	01	02	01	01	02	01	01	01	01	02	22

PART-B (PROFESSOR REGULAR)

Limited Recruitment Notification for Professor positions for Regular vacancies

(Notification No.4/SKU/ Prof. & Asso. Prof. Regular/2026, Dt.14.05.2026)

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following cadres of Professor Vacancies for various departments on direct recruitment basis.

Faculty Position	OC	SC			ST	BC					EWS	Total
		I	II	III		A	B	C	D	E		
Professors	05	01	01	-	01	01	01	-	-	-	-	10

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SRI KRISHNADEVARAYA UNIVERSITY

ANANTHAPURAMU - 515003. A.P. INDIA

PART-A

Recruitment Notification for SC/ST backlog vacancies

(Notification No.3/SKU/Backlog-SC & ST and BC/2026,Dt.14.05.2026)

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following cadres of SC & ST Backlog Vacancies for various departments on direct recruitment basis.

Cadre	SC-I	SC-II	SC-III	ST	Total
Associate Professor	-	-	-	02	02

PART-B

Recruitment Notification for BC backlog vacancies

(Notification No.3/SKU/Backlog-SC & ST and BC/2026,Dt.14.05.2026)

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following cadres of BC Backlog Vacancies for various departments on direct recruitment basis.

Cadre	BC(A)	BC(B)	BC(C)	BC(D)	BC(E)	Total
Associate Professor	1	-	-	1	-	02

The detailed information of the above posts relating to qualification, experience, pay scales, reservation, link for submission of filled-in online application etc., can be obtained from the University website: www.skuniversity.ac.in or https://apuniversitiesrecruitment.apcfss.in

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SRI KRISHNADEVARAYA UNIVERSITY

ANANTHAPURAMU - 515003. A.P. INDIA

PART-A

Recruitment Notification for SC/ST backlog vacancies

(Notification No.1/SKU/Backlog-SC&ST and BC/2026, Dt.14.05.2026)

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following cadres of SC & ST Backlog Vacancies for various departments on direct recruitment basis.

Cadre	SC-I	SC-II	SC-III	ST	Total
Assistant Professor	-	03	-	09	12

PART-B

Recruitment Notification for BC backlog vacancies

(Notification No.1/SKU/Backlog-SC&ST and BC/2026, Dt.14.05.2026)

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following cadres of BC Backlog Vacancies for various departments on direct recruitment basis.

Cadre	BC(A)	BC(B)	BC(C)	BC(D)	BC(E)	Total
Assistant Professor	01	03	-	01	01	06

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JAWAHARLAL NEHRU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY KAKINADA

KAKINADA-533003, Andhra Pradesh (India)
(Established by Andhra Pradesh Act No. 30 of 2008) NAAC 'A+' Accredited

RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION FOR ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND PROFESSOR REGULAR VACANCIES

(Notification No.4/JNTUK/Assoc. Prof. & Professor/Regular/2026 Dt.15.05.2026)

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following Regular Vacancies of Teaching positions in various Departments on direct recruitment basis.

Position	OC	BC-A	SC-I	Total
Associate Professor	02	01	01	04
Professor	02	--	01	03

The detailed information of the above posts relating to qualifications, experience, pay scales, reservation, link for submission of filled-in online application etc., can be obtained from the University website: **www.jntuk.edu.in** or **https://apuniversitiesrecruitment.apcfss.in**

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JAWAHARLAL NEHRU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY KAKINADA

KAKINADA-533003, Andhra Pradesh (India)
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LIMITED RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION FOR ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR BACKLOG VACANCIES

(Notification No. 3/JNTUK/Assoc. Prof./Backlog/2026 Dt.15.05.2026)

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following Backlog Vacancies of Teaching positions in various Departments on direct recruitment basis.

Part – A (ST Backlog vacancies)

Cadre	ST
Associate Professor	03
Of the above, horizontal reservation	02 (Women)

Part – B (BC Backlog vacancies)

Cadre	BC-C
Associate Professor	02
Of the above, horizontal reservation	02 (Women)

The detailed information of the above posts relating to qualifications, experience, pay scales, reservation, link for submission of filled-in online application etc., can be obtained from the University website: **www.jntuk.edu.in** or **https://apuniversitiesrecruitment.apcfss.in**

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DR. B. R AMBEDKAR UNIVERSITY-SRIKAKULAM

ETCHERLA (A.P) - 532410
Accredited with NAAC 'B' grade and ISO 9001 : 2015 Certified

Limited Recruitment Notification for SC/ST and BC backlog vacancies for Assistant Professors

(Employment Notification No.1/BRAU/Asst. Prof Backlog SC/ST & BC/2026, Dated. 15.05.2026)

PART-A (SC/ST Backlog)

Inviting applications in the prescribed format online for the following cadres of SC & ST Backlog Vacancies for various departments on direct recruitment basis.

Cadre	SC-I	SC-II	SC-III	ST	Total
Assistant Professor	1	-	-	-	01

PART-B (BC Backlog)

Inviting applications in the prescribed format online for the following cadres of (BC Backlog) Vacancies for various departments on direct recruitment basis.

Cadre	BC(A)	BC(B)	BC(C)	BC(D)	BC(E)	Total
Assistant Professor	1	-	-	-	-	01
Of the above, Horizontal reservation	01 Women	-	-	-	-	01

The detailed information of the above posts relating to qualification, experience, pay scales, reservation, link for submission of filled-in online application etc., can be obtained from the University **website: www.brau.edu.in** or **https://apuniversitiesrecruitment.apcfss.in** Receiving of online applications commence from **18.05.2026.** The last date for submission of online application is **08.06.2026 (by 5.00 pm IST).** The last date for the submission of hardcopy of application (already submitted online) along with the self attested relevant documents is **15.06.2026 (by 5.00 pm IST).** **NOTE:** The University reserves the right to fill or not to fill any of the post(s) without giving any reason whatsoever. **University Call Center: +91 8247630064 (Ph No) from 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM** **Sd/- REGISTRAR**

Dr. B. R AMBEDKAR UNIVERSITY - SRIKAKULAM

ETCHERLA - (A.P) - 532410
Accredited with NAAC 'B' grade and ISO 9001 2015 Certified

Limited Recruitment Notification for SC/ST backlog vacancies for Associate Professors

(Employment Notification No.3/BRAU/Assoc.Prof SC/ST Backlog/2026, Dated 15.05.2026)

Inviting applications in the precribed format online for the following caders of SC/ST Backlog Vacancies for various departments on direct recruitment basis

Cadre	SC - I	SC - II	SC - III	ST	Total
Associate Professor	02	-	-	-	02

The detailed information of the above posts relating to qualification, experience, pay scales, reservation, link for submission of filled-in online application etc., can be obtained from the University website: **www.brau.edu.in** or **https://apuniversitiesrecruitment.apcfss.in**

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Dr. B. R AMBEDKAR UNIVERSITY - SRIKAKULAM

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Recruitment Notification for Assistant Professor Positions for Regular Vacancies

(Employment Notification No.2/BRAU/Asst.Prof/Regular/2026, 15.05.2026)

Inviting applications in the precribed format online for the following caders of teaching positions for various departments on direct recruitment basis

Faculty Position	OC	SC			ST	BC					EWS	Total Posts
		I	II	III		A	B	C	D	E		
Assistant Professor	12	01	02	02	02	02	02	01	01	01	02	28

The detailed information of the above posts relating to qualification, experience, pay scales, reservation, link for submission of filled-in online application etc., can be obtained from the University website: **www.brau.edu.in** or **https://apuniversitiesrecruitment.apcfss.in**

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ADIKAVI NANNAYA UNIVERSITY, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM

Recruitment Notification for Associate Professors (Regular Vacancies)

(Notification No.4/AKNU/Associate Professors/Regular/2026, Date:15.05.2026)

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following regular Associate Professor cadre for various departments on direct recruitment basis.

REGULAR VACANCIES			
Cadre	OC	SC-I	Total
Associate Professor	1	1	2

The detailed information of the above posts relating to qualifications, experience, pay scales, reservation, link for submission of filled-in online application etc., can be obtained from the University website www.aknu.edu.in or https://apuniversitiesrecruitment.apcfss.in

Receiving of the online applications will commence from: **18.05.2026.**

The last date for submission of online application is **08.06.2026** (by 5.00pm IST).

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Date :**15.05.2026**
Place:**RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM** **Sd/-Registrar**

University Call Center : 7093008492 (Ph no) from 10.00 AM to 05.00 PM

ADIKAVI NANNAYA UNIVERSITY, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM

Recruitment Notification for Assistant Professors (Regular Vacancies)

Notification No.2/AKNU/Assistant Professors/Regular/2026, Date:15.05.2026

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following Regular Assistant Professor cadre for various Departments on direct recruitment basis.

REGULAR VACANCIES												
CADRE	OC	EWS	BC-A	BC-B	BC-C	BC-D	BC-E	SC-I	SC-II	SC-III	ST	Total
Assistant Professor	17	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	37

The detailed information of the above posts relating to qualifications, experience, pay scales, reservation, link for submission of filled-in online application etc., can be obtained from the University website www.aknu.edu.in or https://apuniversitiesrecruitment.apcfss.in

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INDIAN INSTITUTE OF FOREST MANAGEMENT, BHOPAL

(An Autonomous Institute Under the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India)

DOCTORAL PROGRAMME IN MANAGEMENT (DPM) ADMISSION ANNOUNCEMENT FOR 2026

IIFM, Bhopal, a premier sectoral management institute, invites applications for its **Doctoral Programme in Management (PhD programme) 2026.** For information on eligibility for admission, fellowship for selected meritorious candidates as per Institute norms, structure of the programme and online application, please visit **https://www.iifm.ac.in/dpm.** The last date for submission of the application is **31st May 2026.**

M.P.M./125767/2026 **CHAIRPERSON-DPM**

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY KAKINADA

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RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION FOR ASSISTANT PROFESSOR REGULAR VACANCIES

(Notification No. 2/JNTUK/Asst. Prof./Regular/2026 Dt.15.05.2026)

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following Regular Vacancies of Teaching positions in various Departments on direct recruitment basis.

Regular Vacancies												
Position	OC	EWS	BC-A	BC-B	BC-C	BC-D	BC-E	SC-I	SC-II	SC-III	ST	Total
Assistant Professor	19	03	03	03	01	02	01	01	03	02	03	41

The detailed information of the above posts relating to qualifications, experience, pay scales, reservation, link for submission of filled-in online application etc., can be obtained from the University website: **www.jntuk.edu.in** or **https://apuniversitiesrecruitment.apcfss.in**

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LIMITED RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION FOR ASSISTANT PROFESSORS/ ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN (ACADEMIC NON-VACATION) BACKLOG VACANCIES

(Notification No. 1/JNTUK/Asst. Prof. Backlog/2026 Dt.15.05.2026)

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following Backlog Vacancies in various departments on direct recruitment basis.

Part – A (ST Backlog vacancies)

Cadre	ST
Assistant Professor	01
Of the above, horizontal reservation	01 (Women)

Part – B (BC Backlog vacancies)

Cadre	BC-A
Assistant Professor	01
Of the above, horizontal reservation	01 (Women)

Cadre	BC-A
Assistant Librarian	01
Of the above, horizontal reservation	01 (Women)

The detailed information of the above posts relating to qualifications, experience, pay scales, reservation, link for submission of filled-in online application etc., can be obtained from the University website: **www.jntuk.edu.in** or **https://apuniversitiesrecruitment.apcfss.in**

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ANDHRA UNIVERSITY

VISAKHAPATNAM, ANDHRA PRADESH, INDIA
RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION

Recruitment notification for Assistant Professor positions for Regular Vacancies

(Employment Notification No.S.II(1)/6849/1-790/2026(3), Dt. 15.05.2026)

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following Regular Vacancies of teaching positions for various Departments on direct recruitment basis.

Assistant Professors - 203

OC	SC-I	SC-II	SC-III	ST	BC-A	BC-B	BC-C	BC-D	BC-E	EWS
82	03	13	15	12	14	20	02	14	08	20

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Date: 15.05.2026 **Sd/- Registrar**

ANDHRA UNIVERSITY

VISAKHAPATNAM, ANDHRA PRADESH, INDIA
RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION

(Employment Notification No. S.II(1)/6849/1-790/2026(2), Dated : 15.05.2026)

PART-A (SC/ST Backlog)

Limited Recruitment Notification for Associate Professor positions for SC/ST backlog vacancies

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following SC/ST Backlog Vacancies of teaching positions for various Departments on direct recruitment basis.

Cadre	SC			ST	Total
	I	II	III		
Associate Professors	0	0	2	4	6

PART-B (BC Backlog)

Recruitment Notification for Associate Professor positions for BC backlog vacancies

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following BC Backlog Vacancies of teaching positions for various Departments on direct recruitment basis.

Cadre	BC-A	BC-B	BC-C	BC-D	BC-E	Total
Associate Professor	0	3	0	0	0	3

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Recruitment Notification for Assistant Professor positions for BC backlog vacancies

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Medical education in India needs to pivot to quality over quantity

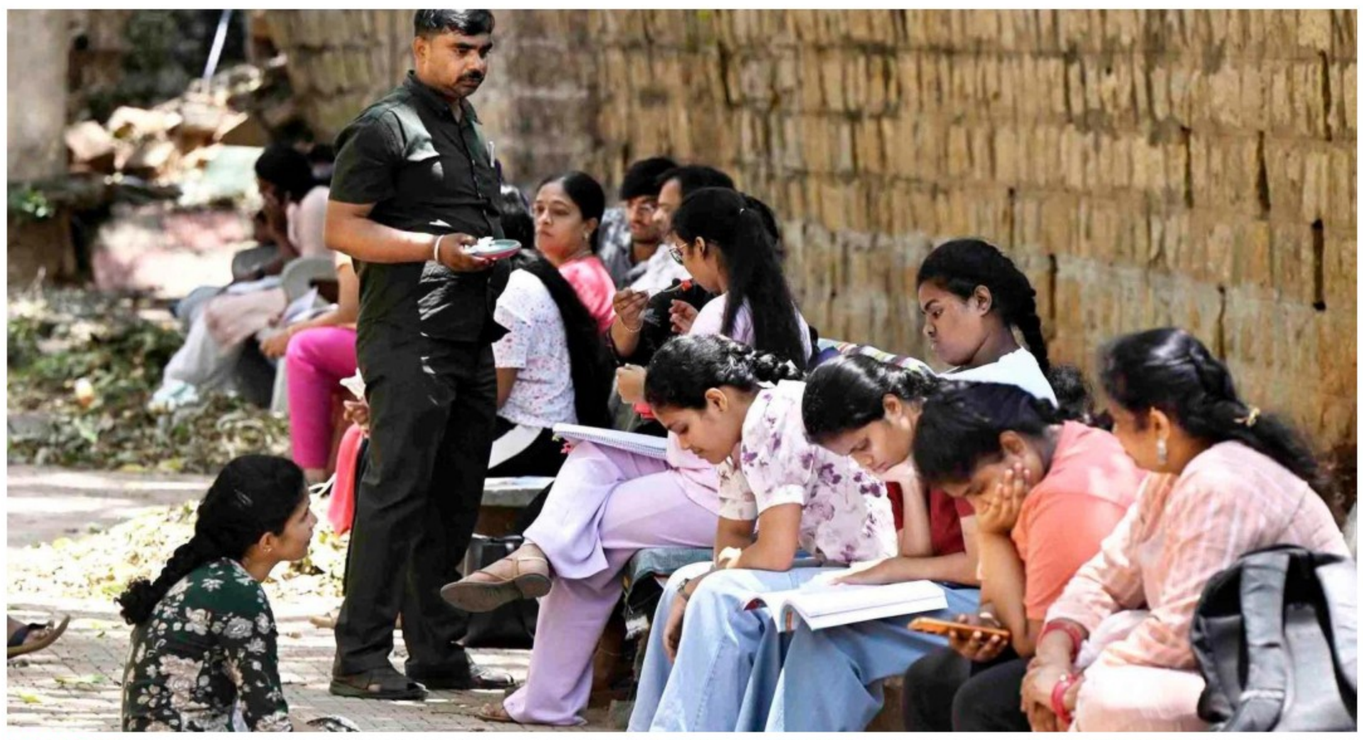
The cancellation of NEET-UG has once again brought into sharp focus, the many concerns and the need for structural changes, in medical education in India; future reforms could focus on assessing higher-order cognitive and clinical reasoning skills, reducing excessive reliance on rote learning and enhancing examination conduct, reducing stress

Jayanthi Rangarajan

Medical education in India stands at a defining crossroads.

Over the past decade, the country has witnessed an unprecedented expansion in its capacity to train future doctors. The number of medical colleges has grown from around 596 in 2021-22 to over 818 in the academic year 2025-26. Correspondingly, MBBS seats have increased from approximately 83,000 to nearly 1.29 lakh, while postgraduate seats now approach 85,000 nationwide.

However, this rapid expansion brings into sharp focus a critical question: are we ensuring the quality of the doctors being produced? Are we adapting to ground realities of student preferences, faculty shortages, huge establishment costs, and the redundancy of the regulatory rigamarole? The cancellation of this year's NEET-UG, that has not only left over 22 lakh medical aspirants in the lurch, but has also triggered calls for a structural reform, has brought this sharply into focus.



Put to test: In recent times, the NEET has attracted criticism over the numerous instances of paper leaks leading to cancellations and re-examinations, putting a lot of pressure on aspirants, and raising questions about the capability of the system. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Changing trends

Recent trends suggest a shifting paradigm. Reports indicate that thousands of undergraduate and postgraduate seats remain vacant, particularly in non-clinical specialities. This raises concerns about the alignment between capacity creation and student preferences, as well as the perceived value of different medical career pathways.

There is also a noticeable shift in the aspirations of younger generations. The traditional allure of the medical profession – the symbolic white coat and stethoscope – is gradually losing some of its sheen. The long duration of training, often extending well beyond a decade for specialisation, combined with increasing professional pressures, has led many students to consider alternative career paths that offer quicker stability and work-life balance.

Equally important is the evolving societal perception of doctors. Once regarded with near-unquestioned trust and reverence, often seen as 'demigods', doctors are now increasingly viewed as healthcare providers within a transactional system. While this reflects growing awareness and accountability in healthcare, it has also altered the nature of the doctor-patient relationship, potentially contributing to a perceived decline in the profession's prestige.

The National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) was introduced for the much-needed standardisation and transparency with regard to the selection of medical students. However, in recent times, it has attracted criticism over the numerous instances of paper leaks leading to cancellations and re-examinations, putting a lot of pressure on aspirants, and raising questions about the capability of our system. Despite this, the test does ensure a baseline level of competence and has largely stabilised the entry process.

It is important to recognise that NEET must evolve with time. Future reforms could focus on assessing higher-order cognitive and clinical reasoning skills, reducing excessive reliance on rote learning and enhancing examination conduct, reducing stress.

Faculty shortages

A major constraint across medical institutions, both government and private, is the shortage of qualified faculty. Current regulatory norms regarding faculty-student ratios, although designed to maintain standards, are often difficult to meet in practice, particularly in pre-clinical and para-clinical disciplines.

This challenge stems from:

- Historically low intake in these specialities
- Limited postgraduate output
- Rapid expansion of medical colleges and seats

Addressing this issue requires innovative and flexible approaches:

A national faculty pool: A centralised pool of qualified faculty drawn from both public and private sectors can be created to deliver teaching across institutions, either physically or through digital platforms. Standardised, centrally-monitored teaching modules can ensure uniform quality while optimising faculty utilisation.

Professors of practice: Already in vogue with limited scope, this involves experienced clinicians and academicians being formally integrated into teaching roles, with their contributions recognised under the Competency-Based Medical Education (CBME) framework.

Such measures would not only mitigate faculty shortages but also enrich the learning experience by exposing students to highly experienced educators.

Assessments and research

Though thoughtfully-designed and periodically updated, there is a felt need for practicality in approach, replacing a checklist compliance with outcome-based assessments. Similarly in an era of digital technology and AI, in order for an Indian medical graduate to be relevant in the global scenario, all outdated and redundant infrastructure and teaching as well as learning and assessment requirements must be updated.

The current state of research, particularly doctoral (PhD) research in medical institutions, calls for serious introspection. Much of the output remains non-translational, of limited societal or clinical relevance and primarily driven by academic promotion requirements. This has led to a proliferation of research that adds little tangible value to healthcare delivery or scientific advancement.

Strategic reforms

Focus on translational research: Research must address real-world health challenges and contribute meaningfully to patient care and policy.

Early research integration: Undergraduate education should incorporate research training by reducing rote learning, encouraging inquiry-based learning and making research a component of assessment.

Technology and the imperative of AI integration: From diagnostics to treatment planning, AI is increasingly becoming an integral part of modern medical practice. India must proactively embrace this transformation.

Curriculum reform: AI and digital health should be introduced early in the undergraduate curriculum, beginning at the induction stage.

Infrastructure development: Teaching hospitals, including urban and rural health training centres, must be equipped with modern diagnostic and digital tools.

Augmentation, not replacement: AI should be viewed as a tool to enhance – not replace – clinical judgment. It can improve efficiency, accuracy, and patient outcomes.

The way forward

India has successfully addressed the challenge of capacity building in medical education. The next phase must focus on:

- Ensuring high-quality teaching and faculty availability
- Promoting meaningful, impactful research
- Integrating modern technology into education and practice
- Restoring trust and professionalism in healthcare

The transformation of medical education in India is both an opportunity and a responsibility. The system must now transition from a focus on numbers to a focus on outcomes. Producing competent, compassionate, and future-ready doctors should remain the central goal. Achieving this will require visionary policy-making, institutional commitment, and a willingness to embrace change.

At this critical juncture, the question is no longer how many doctors India can produce, but how well it can prepare them to handle the future health care requirements of the country.

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THE GIST

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From PCOS to PMOS: understanding the reasons for name change

Ramya Kannan

A couple of days ago on a hot May day, a niche group of people across the world celebrated. The reason the endocrinologists were rejoicing was the change in the nomenclature of a single condition, only one letter had changed, and it seemed as if the festivities were a bit disproportionate. The Endocrine Society, a global network of people dealing with hormones, announced that PCOS (Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome) would henceforth be known as PMOS (Polyendocrine Metabolic Ovarian Syndrome).

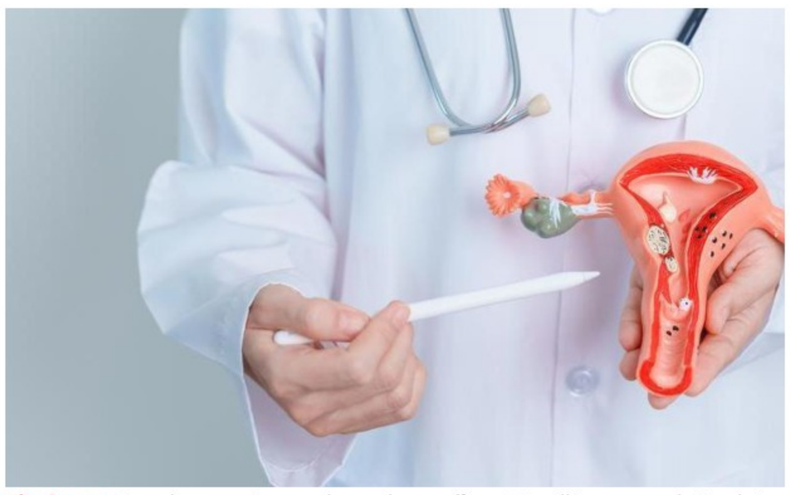
While the endocrinologists celebrated, the rest of the world wondered, inspired by the bard: Doesn't a rose by any other name smell as sweet? The Endocrine Society, however, did not do this out of mere whimsy. As an article in *The Lancet* pointed out, the new name emerged out of a multistep global consensus process over the years. The authors of the paper Helena J. Teede et al argued that the term PCOS was 'inaccurate' as it relied only on the presence of ovarian cysts, thereby hiding the multitude of factors that contribute – including diverse endocrine and metabolic features. Thus constrained, it contributes to delayed diagnosis, fragmented care and comes in the way of curtailing research and policy on the issue.

The significance lies not only in the fact that the definition has broadened the panel of factors that will facilitate better diagnosis, but also that PCOS affects a staggering number of women – it is estimated that the syndrome affects 170 million women during their reproductive years alone.

Welcome initiative

"It is an extremely welcome initiative. It has been in the works for a few years, of course," says Usha Sriram, endocrinologist and diabetologist, founder of DIWAS, an organisation built around women's health. "PCOS restricts and reduces it to about cysts and gave it an ovarian-reproductive emphasis. It is not a one-off reproductive abnormality. This is a syndrome that could have a life-long impact on more than just reproductive health."

She further adds: "When people google PCOS, what comes up is 'difficulty conceiving, pregnancy loss and gestational diabetes mellitus.' That is also the general perception – linked as it is to fertility, it has become associated with a lot of stigma."



Big change: According to estimates, the syndrome affects 170 million women during their reproductive years alone. GETTY IMAGES

Jaishree Gajaraj, senior obstetrician and gynaecologist, also welcomes the move, attesting that a great deal of misdiagnosis and overdiagnosis also happens with PCOS, apart from self diagnosis too. She believes that this nomenclature change will make a very big difference in clinical practice, and help facilitate appropriate diagnoses and treatment.

Tejasvi Seshadri, consultant paediatric, adolescent endocrinologist, at Rainbow Hospitals, Bengaluru, says this reclassification will be useful to let the world know that it is not a condition isolated to the ovaries, but impacting general health and well-being too.

Going on to explain that paediatric endocrinologists already follow this comprehensive approach and involvement of hormones that this change has advocated, Dr. Seshadri says "we are also looking at poly endocrine factors in children, not judging just by the arrested follicle development (commonly associated with PCOS) because disruptions in the early years of menstrual health are normal and can result in this."

"We run a basic hormone assay for the child, rule out diabetes and pre-diabetes, and insulin resistance, dyslipidemia, MASLD (all part of metabolic dysfunction). Once the child has been diagnosed, then we recommend lifestyle changes, and on a case-to-case basis, perhaps medications. Not every child gets the same treatment," she adds.

Global implementation

The Lancet paper lists an eight-stage process of global implementation of the new name, from publication and academic dissemination to developing resources for the project, integrating it into health care systems to transition and refinement, leading up to integration into the international guidelines in 2028 Dr. Usha says implementation will depend on the professional societies working towards this goal. It is important to build awareness among the community simultaneously, she adds.

Jayashree Gopal, endocrinologist and diabetologists, has a different take. Several attempts have been made in the past to bring focus on the metabolic aspects, in fact, once the change suggested was Metabolic Reproductive Syndrome. But PCOS has been around for about a 100 years, and I believe that gynaecologists, at least in urban areas, are aware of the metabolic aspects of the syndrome. Will this name change actually bring about change?

"It depends really. There is another category of metabolic disorder that was renamed recently – Non Alcoholic fatty liver disease became Metabolic Dysfunction-Associated Steatotic Liver Disease, and that caught on pretty fast, probably because of the association of the former with alcohol," Dr. Gopal explains.

On the other hand, as Dr. Usha Sriram points out, the condition now defined as pre-diabetes was known by many fangled names until this one has come to stay.

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Piped connections, Sanchari Cauvery ease tanker demand

'While water supplied from BWSSB was irregular, Sanchari Cauvery has stabilised the prices of water tankers in the market'

K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj
BENGALURU

For the first summer in many years, reliance on water tankers has abated in Bengaluru. Coverage of piped supply of Cauvery river water in 110 villages and the Sanchari Cauvery scheme, where Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) is supplying Cauvery river water through tankers, have done the trick.

Summer relief: Since the launch of the Sanchari Cauvery scheme in May 2025, the BWSSB has delivered over 30,000 tankers of water, earning over ₹5 crore in revenue till April 2026. FILE PHOTO

₹1,400 is being charged for a 12,000-litre water tanker and between ₹800 and ₹900 for a 6,000-litre tanker

Cauvery connections

"More than 70% of the buildings in this part of the town have now got Cauvery connections. This has hit our business by more than 60% in many pockets. We have lost regular customers, especially apartments, who used to rely mostly on us for their water supply," said Ramesh Reddy, a water tanker businessman from Doddanekkundi, serving Mahadevpura for over a decade now.

Jagadish Reddy, a resident of Varthur, said while the water being supplied from BWSSB was irregular and not enough yet, Sanchari Cauvery had stabilised the prices of water tankers in the market. BWSSB is providing 12,000 litres of water for ₹1,290.

Tanker mafia

"There have been times when we used to pay over ₹2,000 for even 6,000 litres of water. That kind of harassment by the tanker mafia has certainly stopped. Even if we end up buying a few tankers from private players, they are also forced to provide at the same rates," he said.

Good coverage

Outer zones of the erstwhile Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), especially 110 villages that were added to the city's civic limits in 2007, got piped water supply only in 2024 through Cauvery V Stage.

"While the Board aims to provide 3 lakh connections by 2028, a survey of these areas have revealed there are many empty plots and there are an estimated 1.8 lakh buildings today. Of them, the Board has already provided connections to 1.15 lakh buildings and another 30,000 connections are under process," said V. Ram Prasath Manohar, Chairman, BWSSB.

To fill the gaps, the Board started the Sanchari Cauvery scheme in May 2025. Since then, the Board has delivered over 30,000 tankers of water earning a revenue of over ₹5 crore till April 2026. "We have added 50 more tankers this summer, taking the total tankers running the scheme to over 150," Dr. Manohar said.

Sanchari Cauvery order growth in 2026

Month	Registered consumers	Total orders
January	663	2,379
February	1,019	2,863
March	1,603	3,766
April	1,970	4,048

Water supply

However, concerns remain with water supply in Cauvery V Stage. "Both frequency and pressure of the water supply is low.

Even though they release water two times a week, BWSSB is not able to meet our full water needs, forcing us to continue to rely on water tankers," said Kochu Shankar, a resident of Horamavu, adding that his area is not being served by Sanchari Cauvery scheme either as it is far away from the nearest Ground Level Reservoir.

Chandrappa, a water tanker businessman from Bellandur, said a few regular customers relied on them because one cannot get Sanchari Cauvery tankers delivered as and when needed. ₹1,400 is being charged for a 12,000-litre water tanker and between ₹800 and ₹900 for a 6,000-litre tanker.

Addressing these concerns, Dr. Manohar said the Board was augmenting water supply under Cauvery V stage.

"We had been drawing only 350 million litres a day (MLD) of water under V Stage till now. We are now augmenting it to over 400-450 MLD now. We also intend to supply water thrice a week in some of these areas," he said.

Cauvery V Stage can draw up to 775 MLD from the Cauvery river.

BWSSB to serve notices on 49,431 properties for not installing RWH systems

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) will serve notices on 49,431 properties that are paying penalties every month for not installing rainwater harvesting (RWH) systems, along with their water bills in June.

"This year, it is predicted that we will have a deficit monsoon, which means we will likely have a water crisis next summer like we did in 2024. We want to harvest the rain as much as possible this year, which will also recharge the groundwater level," said V. Ram Prasath Manohar, chairman, BWSSB.

"The notice will give residents 15 days to install RWH systems, failing which we are ready to install the systems at our own cost. For a house with a built-up area of 2,400 sq. ft., it costs around ₹8,000 to ₹10,000. The BWSSB will bear this cost upfront, install the RWH system, and collect the money in equal installments in lieu of the fine these properties are paying for not installing RWH systems," he said.

RWH drive: BWSSB is undertaking an rainwater harvesting campaign this monsoon to prepare for the next summer. FILE PHOTO

All new buildings built after 2016 on plots of 30X40 feet and above have to install RWH systems and failure to comply attracts a monthly penalty of 50% to 100% of the water bill.

On average, the BWSSB collects a penalty of ₹4.56 crore a month just for not installing RWH system.

"We will install RWH systems in these 50,000 properties. We will then target the other seven lakh properties which should have RWH systems, but are not being penalised as they are older buildings," he added.

'Robotic tech helped avoid road cutting along 399 stretches'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The use of robotic technology to precisely diagnose leaks in the underground water and sewage pipeline network has prevented road cutting along 399 stretches in the last six months, the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) stated on Thursday. The robotic technology has been in use since November 2025.

"A total of 32,661 metres of pipeline has been checked using this technology over the last six months, and of the 404 complaints during this period, 399 have been resolved without extensive road cutting," the BWSSB said in a statement.

"The remaining five complaints are also currently being resolved," it added

"Road cutting inconveniences people and commuters on the street. This new technology has prevented such inconvenience along 399 stretches in six months," said V. Ram Prasath Manohar, Chairman of BWSSB.

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People belonging to the Kuki and Naga communities detained

38 More than 38 people belonging to the Kuki and Naga communities are being held hostage by various groups in Manipur, according to the State Home Minister, amid renewed violence that has left several people dead and triggered shutdowns in multiple districts. PTI

Value of assets frozen in a money laundering case

526 in ₹ crore. The Enforcement Directorate froze bank deposits and other movable assets worth ₹526 crore and seized gold jewellery and cash during searches linked to a probe against gaming platform Gameskraft. Three founders of the company were also arrested. PTI

Arunachal allocation under the 'Pride of Hills' initiative

4,900 in ₹ crore. Arunachal Pradesh has received ₹4,900 crore under the Centre's 'Pride of Hills' initiative aimed at improving infrastructure and connectivity in Himalayan and hill States. The scheme was introduced earlier this year. PTI

HFCL investment in Andhra Pradesh defence facility

230 in ₹ crore. HFCL will invest around ₹230 crore to set up a defence manufacturing facility in Andhra Pradesh's Sri Satya Sai district. They will manufacture multi-mode hand grenades and defence products as part of its expansion into the strategic sector. PTI

Pilgrims died during the Char Dham Yatra in Uttarakhand

38 Pilgrims have died due to health issues, including altitude sickness and cardiac arrest, during the first 26 days of the Char Dham Yatra in Uttarakhand, with Kedarnath accounting for the highest number of fatalities. PTI

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Capital flight and pressure on the rupee

India's economy is witnessing significant capital outflows and depreciatory pressures on the rupee amid rising oil prices and global uncertainty; coupled with a widening current account deficit, future interest rate increases abroad could place further stress on India's external account and underlying vulnerabilities

ECONOMIC NOTES

Rahul Menon

The recent announcement by Prime Minister Narendra Modi urging individuals to reduce their consumption of gold and petrol brought to the fore what many analysts have warned about: India's situation on the external front is far from rosy. The rupee has witnessed significant depreciation over the last few weeks, while the rise in LPG prices has caused hardships for the working classes and triggered a reverse migration of workers back to villages.

Let us focus on the question of capital flows. The outbreak of hostilities in the Persian Gulf and the closure of the Strait of Hormuz have led to an outflow of foreign capital and a weakening of the rupee relative to major currencies. These are to be expected given the profound uncertainty that has gripped global markets. What makes the situation doubly worrying for India is that these outflows and depreciation have occurred even though interest rates in the U.S. and the U.K. have not changed. If foreign central banks do raise interest rates, it might lead to even more pressure on India's external account in the future.

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The taper tantrum

Emerging market economies such as India offer higher returns, but they are also exposed to currency and inflation risks. A rise in Indian inflation and/or a depreciation of the rupee can lower the net return to a foreign investor on holding Indian assets. The returns on Indian assets would have to be higher relative to those on foreign assets to compensate for these risks. In simple terms, the decision to hold Indian assets relative to foreign ones depends on the difference between Indian and foreign interest rates.

If Indian interest rates remain fixed, an increase in foreign interest rates can prompt foreign investors to reduce their holdings of Indian assets. This leads to depreciation of the rupee as it is exchanged for dollars. The only way – apart from capital controls – to arrest such a slide is to raise domestic interest rates, but that would negatively affect domestic investment. Monetary policy in emerging economies is tied to that of the U.S.; any increase in U.S. interest rates often forces smaller economies to consider raising their own rates to defend their currencies.

Given the ease with which capital can flow across borders, these outcomes can occur merely on the expectation that interest rates will rise, even before any actual rise. Such an outcome was seen in 2013. With interest rates hitting the zero lower bound in the wake of the 2008 Great Recession, the U.S. Federal Reserve announced a possible end to quantitative easing. The mere expectation of higher future interest rates caused a massive withdrawal of capital from emerging market economies. This was known as the 'taper tantrum'.

What is happening currently is somewhat similar, with capital flight occurring even though interest rates have not actually risen. What is worrying about the current scenario is that India's depreciation and capital flight have occurred even though foreign central banks have not made any definitive signal that they intend to raise interest rates in the future.

Uncertainty in monetary policy

Despite turmoil in energy markets, central banks in developed economies did not initially raise interest rates. The U.S. Federal Reserve and the Bank of England have maintained interest rates at 3.75% since December 2025. Their initial forecasts were built on the idea that the war – and the subsequent oil price increase – would be temporary, with prices returning to normal levels. Raising interest rates in such a scenario would only prove deflationary.

However, the longer the war continues, the greater the possibility that oil prices will remain elevated, thereby increasing inflationary expectations. Rising wages and prices, as economic agents fought to maintain their purchasing power in the face of rising energy prices, would result in rising inflation.

As the war drags on, the possibility of interest rate increases to combat inflationary pressures rises.

The beginning of the war provided confusing signals to central banks. While the futures market in the energy sector anticipated an eventual decline in prices, interest rate futures assumed heightened inflation. In dealing with this profound uncertainty, the central banks of the U.K. and the U.S. initially maintained interest rates, providing detailed forecasts outlining different scenarios. And yet, foreign capital exited the Indian economy despite foreign central banks making no commitment to raising interest rates and forecasting the rise in energy prices as being merely temporary.

The rupee had been facing depreciatory pressures for some time; the war gave impetus to a process already occurring. Perhaps one could argue that foreign capital has priced in the possibility of future interest rate hikes and has already acted upon these expectations. The future rise in interest rates – if it were to occur – may not have much of an effect then. But this is to assume that foreign wealth holders have completely discounted the initial stance of Central Banks that inflation was temporary. This is a dangerous assumption to make in a situation of such profound uncertainty.

The Prime Minister's announcement diagnoses the problem the economy currently faces. The current account deficit is widening owing to rising oil prices. Coupled with capital flight, it puts significant pressure on the rupee. But moral suasion cannot be a policy response.

The RBI had initially intervened by imposing restrictions on certain foreign exchange derivative contracts, and the government has recently announced the imposition of import duties on gold. But this has not resolved the underlying vulnerabilities. If interest rates were to rise in the future, these vulnerabilities would come under further stress. The economy is not out of the woods yet.

(Rahul Menon is associate professor at O.P. Jindal Global University)

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- The outbreak of hostilities in the Persian Gulf and the closure of the Strait of Hormuz have created profound uncertainty in global markets, leading to capital outflows from emerging market economies such as India.
- Foreign investors may have already priced in the possibility of future interest rate increases abroad, while the war merely accelerated the depreciatory pressures that the rupee had already been facing for some time.

India's labour market shows gains, but challenges persist

PLFS 2025 points to improving employment trends alongside structural gaps in skills and participation

Phalasha Nagpal

Every year, about 7-10 million young Indians enter the labour market. They are better educated than any generation before them – the average years of formal schooling for those aged 15 and above has reached 10 years nationally – and with hopes and expectations to match. This raises key questions: Can India's economy productively absorb the current generation of new workers, including youth and women? Under what conditions? And how can India ensure that its demographic potential translates into meaningful employment and economic growth?

The recently released Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) 2025 report offers some key insights.

It points to measurable progress across several dimensions, while also underlining some challenges that must be addressed to fully leverage India's demographic dividend.

Encouraging trends in employment

The Labour Force Participation Rate stands at 59%, the Workforce Participation Rate at 57%, and the unemployment rate at 3%. These are robust headline indicators. Youth unemployment has declined since 2024, with gains for rural and urban youth. Monthly PLFS bulletins through 2025 also point to improving trends in women's participation. Female LFPR in rural areas rose across successive months through September 2025, reaching its highest level since May. These trends show a sustained and directional improvement across multiple survey rounds.

The quality of employment has also improved. The share of regular wage and salaried employment increased from 22% to 24%, with gains recorded for both men and women. Correspondingly, the share of self-employment declined from 58% to 56%. Since formal salaried employment is associated with higher earnings and access to social protection, this shift in the nature of employment is among the more important signals in the 2025 data.

Wage trends reinforce this pattern, particularly for women. In regular salaried employment, female earnings grew by 7%, compared to 6% for men. In self-employment, female earnings rose by 9% against 8% for men, while in casual labour, women's wages increased by 5%, even as male wages largely remained unchanged.

At the same time, there remains scope to further narrow gender gaps in absolute earnings. Analysis of the data indicates that women earn about 76% of male wages in salaried work, around 69% in casual labour, and just 36% in self-employment. While disparities remain substantial, the shift towards salaried employment is beginning to offer more tangible economic gains for women.

Structural transformation is also creating better employment opportunities. Agriculture's share of employment has declined to 43%, while manufacturing and services have grown to around 12% and 13%, respectively. Young people, particularly young women, are increasingly entering manufacturing and service sectors. Caste- and gender-based occupational segregation among younger cohorts is measurably lower than among older ones, reflecting the cumulative effects of expanded access to education and rising social mobility now beginning to translate into more inclusive labour market outcomes.

Gaps in skills and job creation

The first is the education-to-employment transition. India has significantly expanded tertiary education enrolment, making higher education more accessible across income groups. Yet gaps remain. For instance, between 2004 and 2023, roughly 5 million graduates entered the labour market annually, but only about 2.8 million secured employment of any kind.

Limited access to formal skills training also poses a challenge. Only 4% of individuals aged 15-59 have received formal vocational or technical training. Yet among those who have, workforce participation is substantially higher – 83% for men and 51% for women – underscoring the strong link between skills training and employment, which needs to be both harnessed and scaled up.

Another challenge lies in women's sustained workforce participation. While most men outside the labour force cited education as the primary reason, women pointed to childcare and household responsibilities, revealing structural constraints rooted in the unequal distribution of unpaid work. For instance, urban self-employed men work approximately 17.5 hours more per week than women, and in regular salaried employment, the gap is about 7.9 hours per week, reflecting a persistent double burden of paid and unpaid labour that women experience disproportionately.

The fourth challenge is the NEET group. Around 25% of those aged 15-29 fall into this category. Moreover, these individuals are not counted in unemployment figures. Without timely intervention, this disengagement can lead to young people becoming detached from the workforce in the long term.

The way forward

The PLFS 2025 data points to a labour market that is moving in the right direction. However, translating these gains into meaningful and productivity-led economic growth will require more targeted interventions: scaling industry-relevant skills training, enabling women's workforce participation through gender-responsive interventions, and strengthening pathways to stable job employment with expanded social protection and a focus on green sectors. Targeted programmes like apprenticeships will also be crucial to re-engage NEET youth as active contributors to the economy.

(Phalasha Nagpal is Livelihoods and Gender Lead, Oxford Policy Management)

Two arrested for making and uploading minors' videos

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The cybercrime police have arrested two persons for allegedly sexually assaulting minor girls, recording the acts on mobile phones, and uploading them online.

The police said the case came to light after information was received through the National Cybercrime Reporting Portal. Based on the alert, a case was registered at Kaggalipura Police Station on May 10.

During investigation, the police found that two minor girls had allegedly been exploited and videos of the abuse were recorded and uploaded online. Statements of the victims were recorded as per legal procedure.

The accused have been identified as Kiran Kumar, 29, a resident of Kaggalipura, and Aditya M.K., 20, a swimming pool maintenance worker residing in Channapatna taluk.

Based on the victims' statements and evidence, the police added sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and the POCSO Act, 2012.

The accused were arrested on May 12. They were produced before the court and taken into police custody.

First-of-its-kind digital drug surveillance system launched

One digital platform will automatically block the sale of medicines found to be Not of Standard Quality and the other will track dispensing of drugs covered under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act

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Vital necessity: Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao has said that ensuring the quality of medicines in the market was a critical responsibility. FILE PHOTO

Karnataka has rolled out, what is being described as, the country's first technology-driven surveillance system to monitor the pharmaceutical market, enabling real-time detection of substandard medicines and tighter regulation of narcotic and psychotropic drugs.

Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao, who launched the new digital platforms in Bengaluru on Thursday, said the initiative would strengthen drug quality control, improve transparency in the supply chain and protect patients.

The State Food Safety and Drug Administration (FDA) has introduced two separate digital systems – one to automatically block the sale of medicines found to be Not of Standard Quality (NSQ) and another to track dispensing of drugs covered under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.

Mr. Rao said ensuring the quality of medicines in the market was a critical responsibility, but tracing substandard drugs after they entered circulation had long been a challenge.

"When medicines of poor quality enter the supply chain, it is difficult to identify and stop their movement immediately. About a year ago, I had written to the Union Minister requesting a national framework. As that has not materialised, Karnataka has taken the initiative and introduced this system," he said.

Real-time lock

According to the department, around 450 drug samples on average are found every year to be NSQ, meaning they fail to meet prescribed legal and quality standards.

Such medicines cannot be sold and must be recalled from manufacturers, wholesalers and stockists. In 2025-26, medicines worth around ₹1.85 crore were recalled after being identified as substandard.

Under the new portal, once a drug batch is declared NSQ, it will be uploaded into the system and immediately locked, preventing any further sale or transaction.

Alerts will be sent instantly to wholesalers and distributors across the State. The Minister said nearly 15,000 wholesalers have already been registered on the platform.

Data on stock

The portal will also provide real-time data on stock availability, stock-in-hand, and quantities returned to suppliers, helping regulators track compliance and speed up recalls. The move would significantly reduce the risk of poor-quality medicines reaching patients, he said

Tighter monitoring

The second portal focuses on medicines regulated under the NDPS Act, which are vulnerable to misuse and diversion.

Retailers dispensing such medicines will now be required to mandatorily upload and verify patient details, doctor details and prescription information before sale.

Mr. Rao said the system would help identify unusual patterns such as repeated prescriptions issued by the same doctor or suspicious purchases by the same person.

The mechanism was intended to ensure responsible dispensing, prevent misuse of controlled medicines and strengthen accountability at the retail level.

The two initiatives mark a shift towards digital and data-driven regulation in the pharmaceutical sector, where authorities can act faster against unsafe medicines while also checking abuse of prescription drugs.

Food Safety and Drug Administration Commissioner Srinivas said Karnataka's model could become a template for wider adoption.

Text & Context and Health

Weekday features on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carry explainers, special articles and quizzes. In the latest issue (May 15, Friday), the following articles are available:

- Capital flight and pressure on the rupee **newsth.live/capitalflight**
- Medical education in India needs to pivot to quality over quantity **newsth.live/healthedu**

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ED raids Gameskraft, freezes assets worth ₹526 crore

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BENGALURU

According to the ED, Gameskraft has a nationwide user base of nearly three crore.

Continuing a probe into the multi-crore Gameskraft Technologies scam, the Directorate of Enforcement (ED) conducted extensive raids over the past week, leading to the seizure and freezing of movable assets worth over ₹526 crore and the arrest of three company directors.

The searches were carried out by the ED's Bengaluru Zonal Office between May 7 and May 13, at multiple office and residential premises linked to Gameskraft Technologies Pvt. Ltd. and its senior officials in Bengaluru and the National Capital Region (NCR).

According to an official release, the operation resulted in seizures of bank balance, payment gateway balance, mutual funds, bonds and fixed deposits. The agency also seized bullion, gold and diamond jewellery weighing around 2.3 kg and valued at nearly ₹3.5 crore, along with ₹11 lakh in cash.

The investigation was initiated on multiple FIRs registered across various States under the Indian Penal Code (IPC), 1860. The ED alleged that Gameskraft, which operates online real-money rummy platforms, has a nationwide user base of nearly three crore.

Investigators alleged that many users were from States where online real-money gaming is prohibited or restricted, including Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu. The agency alleged that the company manipulated geolocation systems to provide access to its gaming platforms in these States.

According to the officials, the company promised users that its gaming ecosystem was transparent, secure and free from BOTs. However, investigators alleged that automated BOT accounts were deployed to compete against genuine users without their knowledge or consent.

The agency further alleged that users were initially lured through small winnings and smooth withdrawal processes to build trust. Once users began participating in games with higher-stakes, BOTs were allegedly introduced, causing substantial financial losses.

Huge losses

The ED estimated that users collectively suffered losses amounting to nearly ₹1,154 crore owing to the alleged BOT-driven manipulation. The agency stated that evidence gathered included grievances and complaints received through the company's application and customer support channels. These complaints allegedly pointed to severe financial distress among users, particularly those from economically weaker sections.

According to the ED, some complaints also referred to extreme psychological distress and suicidal tendencies linked to heavy financial losses incurred on the platform.

The ED has arrested three directors – Prithvi Raj Singh, Vikas Taneja, and Deepak Singh Ahlawat.

CPRI to come up with PPP labs

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Central Power Research Institute (CPRI), headquartered in Bengaluru, will soon be coming up with a new generation of public-private partnership (PPP) laboratories for the growth of electrical manufacturing sector, particularly in niche product categories, J. Sreedevi, Director-General, CPRI, said on Thursday.

Speaking at the ElAsia 2026, a renewable energy expo, Ms. Sreedevi said the Ministry of Power has directed CPRI to take up a PPP model for specialised testing infrastructure. "The move is aimed at supporting industrial expansion and technological advancement in the country and the first one in this sector," she added.

"If private industry is interested in establishing testing facilities for emerging requirements, they can approach CPRI for setting up laboratories under the PPP model," Ms. Sreedevi said, adding that the initiative aims to fill in gaps in advanced testing infrastructure.

She also announced a major infrastructure expansion at CPRI.

UTTAR PRADESH MEDICAL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LTD.
(A Government of Uttar Pradesh Undertaking)

Tender Notice

Tender Ref. No: UPMSCL/Drugs-258/08 Dated: 11-05-2026

E-TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF INCECTICIDE TO UTTAR PRADESH MEDICAL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LIMITED

Online tenders are invited from licensed manufacturers for supply of Cyphenothrin 5% EC,in 1 liter bottle to UPMSCL. The details of tender, list of items and Tender Documents are made available on website https://etender.up.nic.in and www.upmsc.in. The last date/time of online submission of the tender documents is 26th May 2026 up to 15:00 Hrs.

Managing Director
UPMSCL, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
Department of Medical Health & Family Welfare, Uttar Pradesh

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. 01/2027/SBC Dated: 08-05-2026

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders through IREPS only for supply of following items:

Tender. No	Description in Brief	Tender Due on
L8265846	Design, manufacture, supply, installation, testing, commissioning and maintenance of heavy duty reversible type escalator. Qty- 02 Nos.	30-05-2026 10:30 Hrs.

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

PUB/109/AAF/PRB/SWR/2026-27 Senior Divisional Materials Manager, Bengaluru

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Application Notification No. 565/ATVM Facilitator/05/2026

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites sealed applications from **Retired Railway Employees / General Public** of Bengaluru Division for Engagement as ATVM facilitator at the following Railway Station over Bengaluru Division of South Western Railway for issuing of Unreserved/General Tickets through ATVM Machine on recharge bonus basis for the period of two years which can be extended to further one year subject to extension of the scheme and satisfaction of the Competent Authority.

Sl.	Station	Station Category	No. of Vacancies for ATVM facilitator
6	Hosur	NSG-4	6

Date and Time of submission of application : From 10:00 Hrs. to 15:00 Hrs. of 15-06-2026. Date and time of opening of application: 15:05 hrs. of 15-06-2026

For details log on: www.swr.indianrailways.gov.in

PUB/111/AAF/PRB/SWR/2026-27 Senior Divisional Commercial Manager/Bengaluru

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PUBLIC NOTICE - POSSESSION NOTICE
APPENDIX - IV
(See Rule 8(1)) r/w Sec. 13(4)(a)

Sri. Shamanna R V

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **M/s. Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (Central Act No.54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12), 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **23.02.2026** calling upon the Borrower **to M/s Shree Shamanna Educational Trust represented by its Chairman Sri.Shamanna R V,** Ramasandra Village, Sulikere Post, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore - 560060, demanding to repay the amount of **Rs.1,39,68,116/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty Nine Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand One Hundred and Sixteen only)** together with Interest and Costs thereon, being the loan amount due by her, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower has failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property mortgaged to the Bank and described in Schedule herein below, together with all rights to transfer by way of Lease, assignment or sale for realising the above mentioned amount (Secured Asset), in exercise of the powers conferred on his under Section 13(4)(a) of the said Act read with Rule-8 of the said Rules on this **14th day of May 2026.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of **M/s. Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha** for a sum of **Rs. 1,45,60,397/- (Rupees One Crore Forty-Five Lakhs Sixty Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety Seven only)** on **14.05.2026** together with interest and costs thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Katha No.4217/3/3, PID No.150200301900420914, Measuring 24.384X45.72 Mtrs in all measuring 1114.84 Sq. mtrs, situated at Ramasandra Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, consisting of Ground and First Floor with RCC columns, PCC flooring outside Vitrified flooring, Eurocon flooring for corridor, Granite step flooring, wooden doors, UPVC windows and ventilators and bounded on the East by : Road, West by : Private Property, North by : Remaining Property, South by : Remaining Property.

Date : 14.05.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Ni.,

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Open Tender Notice No. BE-29-2026-27-OT-01 (Through E-Tendering)

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work:

Tender No	Description in Work	Approx. Value	Tender Closing Date Time
BE-29-2026 -27-OT-01	1) Bengaluru-Tumakuru -Sampige Road Section- Proposed construction of ROB at LC.No. 50 @KM:85/700-800 42m composite Girder 2) Proposed construction of RUB at LC gate No.48 @KM 81/500-600 between Mallasandra and Gubbi stations in Assistant Divisional Engineer/Yasvantpur sub division 3) Bengaluru-Tumakuru - Sampige Road Section-Proposed limited height subway at old LC43 (RUB N0.297 B At KM:73/000-100 near Bheemasandra - RCC box of size 1x5x2.25 by rolling/ launching method 4) Yasvantpur-Sampige Road Section-Proposed subway at old Shettyhalli gate KM 67/700-800 near Shettyhalli- (Bridge No.308-D) RCC box of size 1x4x2.25 by rolling/launching method 5) Provision of Lifts at Gauribidanur Railway station for PF-1 & PF2 & 3 6) Provision of two escalators (down direction) at PF-1 & PF-2&3 of Kengeri railway station (PID: 14.01.53.25.3.50.008) 7) Jolarpettai-Bengaluru Section- Proposed Pedestrian subways to facilitate crossing of railway alignment by cattle, pedestrians and smaller vehicles in various locations as RCC Box of size 1x5mx2.65m (Barrel length = 18.36 mtrs) by Rolling/Launching method 8) Bengaluru-Sampige Road Section- Proposed Pedestrian subways to facilitate crossing of railway alignment by cattle, pedestrians and smaller vehicles in various locations as RCC Box of size 1x5mx2.65m (Barrel length = 18.36 mtrs) by Rolling/Launching method (total 11 Nos) 9) Yasvantpur-Yelahanka Section- Proposed pedestrain subway at Sahakara Nagara at Km 13/200-300 near NTI layout-RCC box of size 1x4x2.25 by rolling/launching method in Assistant Divisional Engineer/Yasvantpur sub-Division 10) Provision of DG sets at Running Rooms and crew rest rooms over Bengaluru Division 11) Improvement of illumination in tunnel (600m length) near TASA at KM 42/750 - 43/350 - Electrical arrangements 12) Bengaluru-Sampige Road Section - Proposed extension of FOB at Nidvanda station to accommodate Road-1A with stair & lift 13) Implementation of Investment Grade Energy Audit (IGEA) recommendations at 30 locations over Bengaluru Division.	Rs. 1,52,42,705.54	29-05-2026 / 15:00 Hrs.

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PUB/116/AAF/PRB/SWR/2026-27 Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/General /Bengaluru

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Tender Notice No. Project-SWR-EL-TSS-CT
Dated : 11-05-2026

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Replacement of 200-100/1-1-1-1 A Current Transformer by 400-200/1-1-1-1A Current Transformer at GSS and TSS for capacity enhancement at Mallapur, Basavana Bagevadi Road, Minchnal, Lachyan, Savanur of Hubballi Division, Ramagiri, Tolahunse, Devargudda, Shivamogga Town, Sagar Jambagaru, Honnavalli Road of Mysuru Division and Siddapur Halt of Bengaluru Division.	Rs. 88,48,866.16

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 03-06-2026

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Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer / Project
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BASAVESHWARA ROAD BRANCH : 4/2, Basaveshwara Road, Vasanthnagar,, Bengaluru -560052.
Mail Id:cb10448@canarabank.com

DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWER / GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR

Notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

To,

Borrower : 1. Mr. Udaya Kiran Padarti S/o Mr.Ramana Rao Padarti
No 41,2nd Floor , 3rd Cross, 5th Main, Grape Garden , Kammanahalli, Kullappa Circle , Bengaluru-560084
ALSO RESIDING AT : Mr. Udaya Kiran Padarti S/o Mr.ramana Rao Padarti
No.104, First Floor , Ajay Green Meadows Apartment , Kowdenahalli Village , Kr Puram Hobli , Bengaluru- 560016.

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank, BASAVESHWARA ROAD Branch (10448)** (hereinafter referred to as "the secured creditor"), appointed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, (hereinafter referred as the "Act") do hereby issue this notice to you as under:

That **Mr. UDAYA KIRAN PADARTI** (hereinafter referred to as **"the Borrower"1**) has availed credit facility / facilities stated in the Schedule A hereunder and has entered into the security agreement/s in favour of the secured creditor. While availing the said financial assistance, you have expressly undertaken to repay the loan amount/s in accordance with the terms and conditions of the above mentioned agreements.

You (The person mentioned in schedule B) are also entered in to agreements against the secured assets which are detailed in Schedule B hereunder.

However, from **09.02.2026** the operation and conduct of the said financial assistance / credit facilities have become irregular. The books of account maintained by the secured assets shows that the liability of the Borrower towards the secured creditor as on date amounts to **Rs. 35,44,794.89 (Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs Forty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Ninty Four and Paisa Eighty Nine Only)** the details of which together with future interest rate are stated in Schedule C hereunder. It is further stated that the Borrower/Guarantor having failed to keep up with the terms of the above said agreement in clearing the dues of the secured creditor within the time given, and have been evasive in settling the dues. The operation and conduct of the above said financial assistance / credit facility/ies having come to a standstill and as a consequence of the default committed in repayment of principal debt/ installment and interest thereon, the secured creditor was constrained to classify the debt as **Non Performing Asset (NPA) as on 09.05.2026** in accordance with the directives/guidelines relating to asset classification issued by the Reserve Bank of India.

The secured creditor through this notice brings to your attention that the Borrower has failed and neglected to repay the said dues/ outstanding liabilities and hence hereby demand you under Section 13(2) of the Act, by issuing this notice to discharge in full the liabilities of the Borrower as stated in **Schedule C** hereunder to the secured creditor **within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice.** Further, it is brought to your notice that you are also liable to pay future interest at rates mentioned in schedule C hereunder together with all costs, charges, expenses and incidental expenses with respect to the proceedings undertaken by the secured creditor in recovering its dues.

Please take note of the fact that if you fail to repay to the secured creditor the **Rs. 35,44,794.89 (Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs Forty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Ninty Four and Paisa Eighty Nine Only)** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of the Act, the secured creditor will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub-section (4)(a) and (b) of Section 13, the extract of which is given here below to convey the seriousness of this issue:

13(4)- In case the Borrower/Guarantor fails to discharge liability in full within the period specified in sub-section (2), the secured creditor may take recourse to one or more of the following measures to recover his secured debt, namely;

(a) Take possession of the secured assets of the Borrower/Guarantor including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing the secured asset;

(b)Take over the management of the business of the Borrower including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing the secured asset:

Provided that the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale shall be exercised only where the substantial part of the business of the Borrower is held as security for the debt;

Provided further that where the management of whole of the business or part of the business is severable, the secured creditor shall take over the management of such business of the borrower which is relatable to the security for the debt;

and under other applicable provisions of the said Act.

You are also put on notice that in terms of section 13(13) the Borrower/Co-Borrower shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed in Schedule B hereunder without obtaining written consent of the secured creditor. It is further brought to your notice that any contravention of this statutory injunction/ restraint, as provided under the said Act, is an offence and if for any reason, the secured assets are sold or leased out in the ordinary course of business, the sale proceeds or income realized shall be deposited with the secured creditor. In this regard you shall have to render proper accounts of such realization / income.

This notice of Demand is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which the secured creditor may have including further demands for the sums found due and payable by you.

This is without prejudice to any other rights available to the secured creditor under the Act and/or any other law in force.

Please comply with the demand under this notice and avoid all unpleasantness. In case of Non- compliance, further needful action will be resorted to, holding you liable for all costs and consequence.

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE –A

[Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

S No.	Loan No.	Nature of Loan	Date of sanction	Amount
1	160000444556	HOUSING FINANCE	28.12.2021	Rs.36.00 Lac
2	125009586760	CREDIT CARD	30.12.2021	Rs.1.00 Lac

SCHEDULE –B

Details of Security Assets : Immovable : SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY : Item-1: All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property bearing Site No.6, Old Assessment No.413, BBMP Katha No.413/111/2/06, comprised in Property No.111/2, Situated at Kowdenahalli Village,K.R.Puram Hobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk,presently Bangalore East Taluk, presently under the Administrative Jurisdiction of BBMP ,ward No.25 of Ramamurthy Nagar, measuring East to West 90 Feet and North to South 40 Sq.feet,totally measuring 3600 Sq.feet, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded as follows On the **East by :** 30ft wide Road , **West by :** Private Property , **North by :** Site No.3,4,5 & **South by :**Site No.7.

Item-II: All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property bearing Site No.7, Old Assessment No.414, BBMP Katha No.414/111/2/07, comprised in Property No.111/2, Situated at Kowdenahalli Village,K.R.Puram Hobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk,presently Bangalore East Taluk, presently under the Administrative Jurisdiction of BBMP ,ward No.25 of Ramamurthy Nagar, measuring East to West 90 Feet and North to South 40 Sq.feet,totally measuring 3600 Sq.feet, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded as follows On the **East by :** 30ft wide Road, **West by :** Private Property , **North by :** Site No.6 (Item-I) & **South by :**Site No.10,11,12 .

COMPOSITE SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property bearing Site Nos.6 & 7, Old Assessment Nos.413 & 414,Old BBMP Katha Nos.413/111/2/06 & 414/111/2/07, presently Amalgamation common BBMP Katha No.757/413/111/2, comprised in Property No.111/2, Situated at Kowdenahalli Village,K.R.Puram Hobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk,presently Bangalore East Taluk, presently under the Administrative Jurisdiction of BBMP ,ward No.25 of Ramamurthy Nagar, measuring East to West 90 Feet and North to South 80 Sq.feet,totally measuring 7200 Sq.feet, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded as follows On the **East by :** 30ft wide Road , **West by :** Private Property , **North by :** Site No.3,4 & 5 & **South by :**Site No.10,11 & 12 .

SCHEDULE "B" : 298 Sq.ft undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule "A" above.

SCHEDULE "C" : APARTMENT bearing No.104, in the First Floor, measuring 1372 Sq.feet Super Built-up Area, containing Two Bed Rooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified flooring, along with One covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase & lift, contained in the multistoried residential building known as **''AJAY GREEN MEADOWS"** , constructed over Schedule 'A' Property.

Name of Title Holder : Mr. Udaya Kiran Padarti

SCHEDULE – C

[Details of liability as on Date]

S No.	Loan No.	Nature of Loan/ Limit	Liability With Interest	Rate Of Interest (Inclusive Penal Interest)
1	160000444556	HOUSING FINANCE	Rs. 34,66,200.78	10.05
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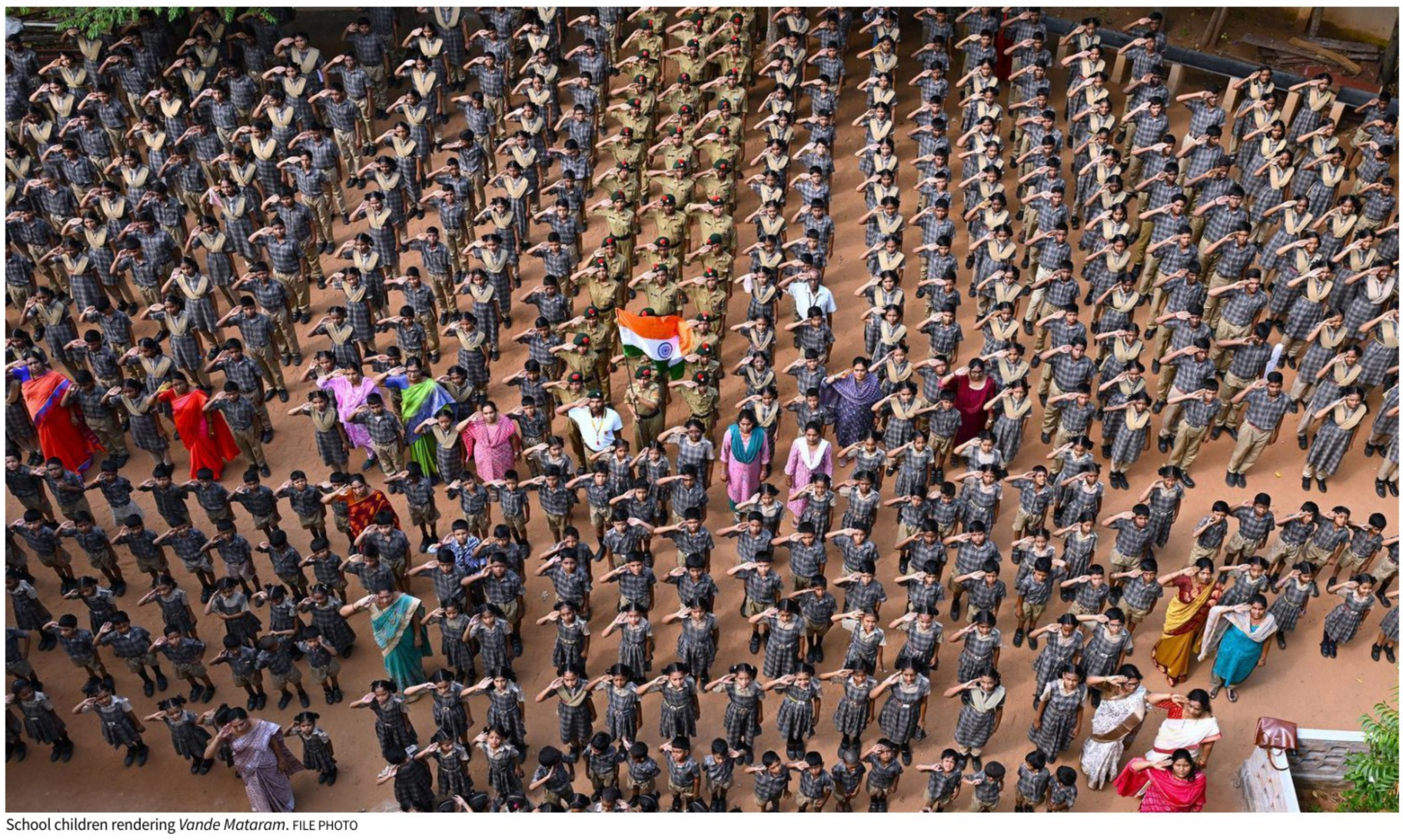

School children rendering *Vande Mataram*. FILE PHOTO

Vande Mataram and the challenge to multicultural nationalism

The decision to sing the full version of *Vande Mataram* at government events has revived debate over the song's communal undertones and its compatibility with the secular and multicultural foundations of the Indian state

Venkatanarayanan S.

The official oath-taking ceremony of C. Joseph Vijay, as the 13th Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, on May 10 saw the playing of the national song *Vande Mataram* at the beginning and end of the event, before the national anthem and the Tamil anthem (*Tamil Thai Vaazhthu* – a song praising Mother Tamil). Written in 1871, the Tamil anthem has been sung at all Tamil Nadu government events since 1970, following an order issued by the then Chief Minister, Mr. Karunanidhi. It is a secular song that praises the language and culture of the land without invoking any specific religion.

In 2018, controversy erupted when the Kanchi Pontiff, Shri Vijayendra Saraswathi Swamigal, refused to stand during the Tamil anthem. A legal case was filed, and in 2021, Justice G.R. Swaminathan of the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court said that the Tamil Anthem was only a prayer song and that there was no executive or statutory order requiring people to stand. Then, the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) government under M. K. Stalin declared *Tamil Thai Vaazhthu* the State song and mandated that everyone, except persons with disabilities, should rise while it is sung. It has been performed before the national anthem at all State government events.

V*ande Mataram* has long been controversial due to its glorification of one religion. In February 2026, the Government of India made it mandatory to play or sing the full song at all government events. According to the order, the song should be rendered during the arrival and departure of the Governor at formal State functions. *Vande Mataram* was sung at Mr. Vijay's oath-taking ceremony in this order. But why did the opposition parties, including Congress, oppose singing the full verses of V*ande Mataram* at government events? While the song is celebrated for its literary excellence and its role as a slogan during the freedom struggle, the song has a strong communal undertone, glorifying the Hindu religion, which is against the secular and multicultural values of the Indian state.

Historical origins

Bankim Chandra Chatterji's Bengali novel *Anandamath,* written in 1882, has the song *Vande Mataram ("Hail to the Mother").* The novel was translated into English as *Abbey of Bliss* by Nares Chandra Sen-Gupta in 1906. The original novel's context was the Sannyasi rebellion against Muslim rule, where the author welcomed British rule and its positive potential for transforming India.

During the national independence movement, the novel was translated again by Basanta Koomar Roy in 1941. This version sanitised all its communal aspects to suit the Indian independence movement.

In the preface to the 1941 translation, William J. Jackson, Professor, Department of Religious Studies at Indiana University-Purdue University, mentioned that the original author would not have approved of various omissions made in the new translation. The 1941 translation, which is widely available today, does not reveal the original context of the novel or the song *Vande Mataram*.

In the prefatory note to the original 1906 translation, *Abbey of Bliss*, Nares Chandra Sen-Gupta stated that anti-Muslim sentiment and Hindu nationalist feelings were significant aspects of the novel. He wrote: "Two very sinister consequences are seen to flow from this conception of a religious basis of nationality in the present work. The first is the attempt to rehabilitate the Hindu Pantheon with new-fangled patriotic gods and goddesses, and the second is the morbid dislike of *Mussulmans* that seems to be indicated in this work" (pages vii-x). He further observed that the heroes of the novel were hostile to *Mussulmans*, and this led him to think thrice before placing the work before a larger public through translation.

The novel not only glorifies the Hindu religion but also expresses anger that the caste system is not being protected under Muslim rulers. One passage states: "In every country, the bond that binds a sovereign to his subjects is the protection that he gives; but our *Mussalman* king – how does he protect us? Our religion is gone; so is our caste, our honour and the sacredness of our family, even! Our lives even are now to be sacrificed. Unless we drive these tipsy long beards away, a Hindu can no longer hope to save his religion."

It is not only the Muslim rulers who are opposed in the original novel; hatred against ordinary Muslims is widespread. In some sections, the villagers are urged to set fire to the Muslim homes and pillage them. The novel also mentions the Sannyasi rebellion as a means to make the British, the sovereigns of India, who are friendly and can instill knowledge of Hinduism. One passage reads: "The true Hinduism is based on knowledge and not on action. To revive it, therefore, you have first to disseminate objective knowledge. The English are great in objective sciences, and they are apt teachers. Therefore, the English shall be made our sovereign".

The present debate

During the pre-independence period, the leaders did not reject *Vande Mataram* completely but tried to restrict it to the first two stanzas, as the other stanzas glorified religion. Jawaharlal Nehru read the original English translation, A*bbey of Bliss*, to understand the song's background and agreed that it would irritate Muslims. In 1937, a Congress sub-committee resolved to sing the first two stanzas, which praised the beauty and abundance of the motherland. The other stanzas were excluded from the singing. During the Constituent Assembly debates, many Bengali members, including Syama Prasad Mookerjee, praised the song, but finally, *Jana Gana Mana* was adopted as the national anthem.

An idea or a text derives its meaning from the context in which it emerges; without that context, it becomes a mere ritual. Nationalism and patriotism are not mere rituals; they carry emotional and moral duties towards the political state. The revival of the song and its imposition at this period, when accusations against the ruling regime of its communal polarisation reeked more ideological than nationalistic. Indian nationalism can never be confined to a monocultural identity, and we need stronger voices from Opposition parties and civil society to protect the multi-cultural foundations of the Indian state.

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THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

On Sukhdev Thapar's birth anniversary, a quiz on the life, networks, and revolutionary activities of one of the sharpest organisers of India's anti-colonial movement

Prathmesh Kher

QUESTION 1
At which historic 1928 meeting was the word "Socialist" formally added to the Hindustan Republican Association's name?

QUESTION 2
What organisational post did Sukhdev hold in the Hindustan Socialist Republican Association after the 1928 restructuring?

QUESTION 3
Which specific incident convinced many HSRA revolutionaries that constitutional protest alone would not weaken colonial rule?

QUESTION 4
What was the official title of the Lahore Conspiracy Case in which Sukhdev was a principal accused?

QUESTION 5
On what date were Sukhdev, Bhagat Singh, and Rajguru executed?

Visual Question:
Identify this police officer who was assassinated in 1928 in retaliation for the death of Lala Lajpat Rai? PUBLIC DOMAIN

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. Hantaviruses are naturally found primarily in which group of mammals? **Ans: Rodents**
2. Smallpox was an infectious disease caused by _____ virus, which belongs to the genus Orthopoxvirus. Fill in the blank. **Ans: Variola**
3. This is a virus belonging to Reovirales, an order of segmented, non-enveloped, double-stranded RNA viruses. It is an arbovirus, being primarily transmitted to humans from the bite of infected mosquitoes of the genus Culex. Which is it? **Ans: Banna virus**
4. This virus causes a type of viral hemorrhagic fever. It is endemic in West African countries, especially Sierra Leone, the Republic of Guinea, Nigeria, and Liberia. Which is it? **Ans: Lassa Virus**
5. This is the main cause of hemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome (HFRS) in East Asia. It is transmitted by the striped field mouse. Name the virus. **Ans: Hantaan virus**
Visual: Identify the infection caused by this virus. What is the name of the cancer that may be an eventual result of this? **Ans: HPV (Human papillomavirus infection)**
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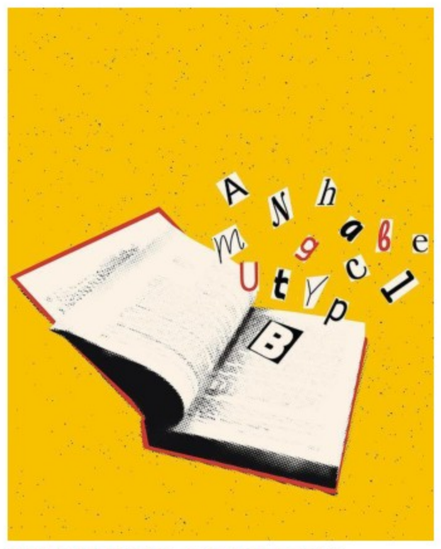

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

S. Upendran

What is the difference "in time" and "on time"? (G. Natarajan, Trichy)
When you are "in time" for a function, you arrive a few minutes before the function begins. Here are a few examples.
I thought I was going to be late. But I was in time for class.
Saritha was in time to take the flight.
If you arrive an hour before an event begins, then you don't usually say "in time". In such situations, we usually say "early", "very early", or "well in time". The expression "in time" usually implies that you arrived a few minutes before the event began.
If you are "on time" for an event, you arrive punctually. If a class begins at 11:00 and you are on time for it, you arrive at exactly 11:00. If you are "in time" for it, you arrive a few minutes before 11:00. If you arrive at 11:01, you are late! Here are a few examples.
The flight arrived on time. I was in time to receive Mohan.
Venkat is always late. I wonder when he will learn to be on time.

What is the meaning of "to cock a snook at"? (Dr. M. Balakotaiah, Prakasham District, A.P)
This is something that we all probably did when we were children. When you "cock a snook" at someone, you place your thumb on the nose and point the remaining fingers straight up and pretend that you are playing the trumpet or something. Some people place their thumb under the nose and push it up - you end up seeing their dirty nostrils! Do you remember making these gestures to your friends when you were young? Why did you do it? You did it in order to show your contempt for that person. And that's what the expression to "cock a snook" at someone means - to show or express defiance or scorn at someone. Here are a few examples.
The arrogant rich boy cocked a snook at the principal and continued to cheat in the exam.
Preetha cocked a snook at her parents and went with Rahul to the party.

What is the meaning of the term "Kafkaesque"? (B. Jambulingam, Thanjavur)
This word is derived from the name of the Czech writer Franz Kafka. In his writings, "The Trial" and "The Castle", he created a world in which individuals are oppressed and full of despair. When you say that something is "Kafkaesque", it means that it is like the work of Kafka - in other words, a world in which sinister and impersonal forces control human affairs.

Is it ok to say, "I am on diet"? (M. S. K. Rao, Hyderabad)
Dictionaries say that you can "go/be on a diet". So you have to say "I am on a diet." Here are a few more examples.
Sunitha always seems to be on a diet.
It's about time that Anand went on a diet.
I don't believe in going on a diet.
Published in The Hindu on August 22, 2000

Word of the day

Kerfuffle:
a disorderly outburst or tumult

Synonyms: commotion, stir, disturbance

Usage: *There was a kerfuffle before the event began*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/kerfuffle

International Phonetic Alphabet: /kəfʌfəl/

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REVA University strengthens future-ready education

REVA University launched a series of academic initiatives, interdisciplinary programmes, industry collaborations, Centres of Excellence, and scholarship opportunities aimed at preparing students for emerging sectors such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), semiconductors, aerospace, electric mobility, automation, clean energy, advanced manufacturing, and digital infrastructure on Thursday. The university also showcased its industry-oriented BCom in Corporate Finance and Analytics integrated with US-CMA.

Jordanian national accuses gang of abduction, robbery

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 19-year-old student from Jordan studying at a private college in Bengaluru alleged that he was abducted and robbed by an armed gang posing as officials of the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) on Tuesday.

The victim, Abdul Kareem, also alleged that the police refused to register his complaint when he approached the station, citing a network issue in the computer system.

In a video statement that later went viral, Mr. Kareem claimed that a group of men posing as FRRO officials arrived at his residence on the pretext of conducting a search operation on Tuesday morning. According to him, the accused ransacked the house, damaged his newly purchased mobile phone, and took away ₹1.37 lakh in cash that he had kept aside to pay his college fees.

Mr. Kareem alleged that the accused also seized his scooter and forcibly took him in a car under the guise of an inquiry. He claimed he was taken to Yelahanka, where he was allegedly handed over to another group. The gang later brought him back home and again searched the house for valuables in the evening.

"They threatened me with a knife to my neck," Mr. Kareem said in the video, adding that the accused warned him against approaching the police.

Mr. Kareem further claimed that when he approached the police station to file a complaint, officers turned him away, stating that they could not register the complaint due to a network issue.

"I came to study in Bengaluru because it is considered safe, but I am not getting help from the police when I am in distress," he said, adding he approached the Jordanian embassy for assistance.

However, a senior police officer denied the allegations and said the police were attempting to trace Mr. Kareem to question him regarding the incident. According to the officer, Mr. Kareem had visited the station earlier but left abruptly when questioned as part of routine procedure.

"We suspect there may have been a financial dispute between him and the accused that led to the incident. Once we locate him, we will register a complaint and initiate an investigation," the officer said.

City-based advocate Owaiz Hussain, who accompanied Mr. Kareem to the police station, said he had submitted complaints to the Police Commissioner and the FRRO seeking immediate action. "We demand that the police register an FIR immediately and begin an investigation," Mr. Hussain said.

BDA plans to develop 11 layouts along PRR

However, landowners in these areas are already up in arms against the proposed acquisition; many farmers say they are awaiting the issuance of a preliminary notification by the Bangalore Development Authority so they can challenge it before the Karnataka High Court

K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj
BENGALURU

Future plans: A file photo of land notified at Bylakere for the Peripheral Ring Road project. Layouts planned along the road are expected to accommodate the next wave of the city's expansion.

The Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) wants to develop 11 layouts along the Peripheral Ring Road (PRR), or Bengaluru Business Corridor – five along PRR Phase 1 and six along Phase 2. However, landowners in these areas are already up in arms, opposing the proposed acquisition. Many farmers said they were awaiting the issuance of a preliminary notification by the BDA so they could challenge it before the Karnataka High Court.

The BDA has also reduced the carriageway of the PRR to 65 metres, while earmarking 35 metres along the corridor for commercial development. The layouts planned along the road are expected to accommodate the next wave of the city's expansion. The five layouts proposed along PRR Phase 1 will span 30 villages, while the six layouts in Phase 2 will cover 20 villages.

Srinivas, a resident of Mavallipura – one of the villages to be affected by the layouts along PRR Phase 1 – said farmers were opposed to the acquisition of land for any layout in their village. "BDA has not even given proper compensation to land losers in Dr. K. Shivaram Karanth Layout. Most of the villages along PRR Phase 1 are well developed. BDA will find it tough to get even 100 acres of undeveloped land in these villages," he said.

Farmers' leader Kodihalli Chandrashekhar said the BDA was acting more like a real estate broker than a government agency. "They want to acquire more land than is needed for the road and develop part of it commercially. Now they want to acquire more land and develop layouts, and give developed land as part of compensation packages to land losers for PRR. Let BDA take what it needs for the road. The farmers themselves will develop their lands, why should we give it to BDA?" he asked, adding, "BDA is yet to notify these layouts. Once they do, we will wage a legal battle".

Land pooling mooted

To prevent another land acquisition quagmire, there has been a proposal to opt for a land pooling model for these layouts. Under such a scheme, no land is acquired by paying compensation, but landowners give up land parcels, and after development, the owners get the rest of their land back, but in a developed form. Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh have implemented this model.

Urban infrastructure expert Ashwin Mahesh said that developing a road in a vacuum doesn't provide any benefits. It should be accompanied by an area development plan, he said. "We are glad that BDA is thinking of developing these layouts along PRR. But the only way this can be done is through land pooling. But it has to be linked with the PRR itself. In the present model, the chances of a few landowners halting the PRR project are very high. BDA should ideally opt for land pooling for both PRR and layouts. That is the most feasible option," he argued.

A senior official said that there was a proposal to go for land pooling to develop layouts along PRR. Under this scheme, owners will get nearly 19,000 sqft of developed land per acre, double of what BDA gives as a 40:60 compensation package now.

"There is also a proposal to opt for larger plots and go for vertical growth in these apartments, rather than individual sites," the official said.

NLSIU protest: Students paste posters mocking V-C across the campus

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Poster boys: National Law School of India University students taking a stand on Thursday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Posters displaying messages such as "Sudhir, Sudhar Lao", "Equal Fee, Equal Rooms", apart from other slogans mocking Vice-Chancellor Sudhir Krishnaswamy, were pasted across the National Law School of India University (NLSIU) campus on Thursday, a day after students staged multiple protests over water shortage, power cuts, and overcrowded women hostel facilities.

On Thursday, around 60 students marched near the Vice-Chancellor's office between 10.50 a.m. and 11.10 a.m., demanding that the administration issue a statement within 24 hours, students told *The Hindu*.

The agitation followed Wednesday's protests, when students gathered around 1.30 p.m. and marched to the faculty canteen and later to the Vice-Chancellor's office, demanding that he meet them. According to students, following the protest, the Vice-Chancellor initially agreed to meet 40 female students in a closed setting, but student representatives objected and instead sought an open meeting for all female students.

"The V-C then agreed to hold the interaction in a lecture room that could accommodate around 70 people, but we refused and remained seated at the amphitheatre, asking him to address us there. He later agreed to meet us at 3 p.m.," a student said. When the Vice-Chancellor arrived, he said he would not respond to any questions and was only "there to listen".

According to students, when pressed to give a timeline for an official response, the Vice-Chancellor said it would take seven to 10 days. This was opposed by students, who pointed out that hostel preference forms close on May 17 and that the issues raised, particularly around hostel swapping, were not new. On Wednesday night, students sent an email to the administration demanding a response within 24 hours.

The university was not available for comment even on Thursday.

'Fining pupils for speaking in Kannada is a punishable offence'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Purushottama Bilimale, KDA chairman, has slammed some school managements.

Kannada Development Authority (KDA) chairman Purushottama Bilimale has expressed objection to private school managements fining students for speaking in Kannada on the school campus in the State, alleging that this is not only an anti-educational measure, but also a violation of the constitutional rights of the children.

In a letter to School Literacy and Education Minister Madhu Bangarappa, he said, "According to the Kannada Language Comprehensive Development Act 2022, there should be an environment conducive to the use and dissemination of Kannada in all educational institutions in Karnataka."

"Mother tongue plays an important role in the social, emotional and cultural development of a child. Various studies have confirmed that communicating in the mother tongue increases the vocabulary and self-confidence of students," he added.

"Every educational institution should immediately abandon the inhuman practice of penalising students for speaking Kannada," he said.

1,115 get degrees at 60th UAS-B convocation

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Class act: The toppers of the 60th convocation of the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, on Thursday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The 60th convocation of the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, was held on Thursday. A total of 1,115 students who graduated in the academic year 2024-25 were awarded degrees in undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.

Thaawarchand Gehlot, Governor and Chancellor of the University of Agricultural Sciences, presided over the function.

Noting that agriculture is the backbone of the Indian economy, Mr. Gehlot raised the issue of excessive use of chemical fertilizer and pesticides that pollute the environment and adversely affect human health.

"It is important to promote natural farming. By using natural elements, soil fertility and productivity can be increased. Quality of land can be improved by using organic fertilizer," he said.

N. Cheluvarayaswamy, Agriculture Minister, was also present at the event. He expressed happiness that the number of female students in agriculture has been increasing. Female students have emerged as the top performers, with 35 students across Bachelor's, Master's and doctoral programmes collectively securing 97 gold medals and certificates.

Noting that the State government has implemented many schemes for the development of agriculture and allied sectors, Mr. Cheluvarayaswamy said that it was the responsibility of agricultural institutions, officials and agricultural scientists to establish direct contact with farmers, understand their problems and provide information about new technologies.

He also called upon the university students to use the knowledge and skills they have acquired to address the challenges in the sector and turn them into opportunities.

Honorary doctorate degrees were conferred upon G.V.K. Naidu, chairman and managing director of Sam Agri Fresh Private Limited; Srikantha H.K, agricultural entrepreneur, progressive farmer, and social worker; and Aravind T.M, a pioneer in the adoption of high-tech precision farming.

PU lecturers oppose student-teacher ratio considered for college deputation

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

Taking objection: The Karnataka State PU College Lecturers' Association has stated that the department has proposed the STR unscientifically. FILE PHOTO

There has been strong opposition from lecturers to the student-teacher ratio (STR) used by the Department of School Education (Pre-University) to depute lecturers with a low workload in government pre-university (PU) colleges to other colleges.

The department has identified a total of 4,718 lecturers with low workload and has fixed a maximum student-teacher ratio of 320:1 for these lecturers.

The Karnataka State PU College Lecturers' Association has objected to the move and stated that the department has proposed the STR unscientifically. It has argued for the STR to be fixed at 40:1 on the Kendriya Vidyalaya model instead.

The department, which has taken steps to recruit the required guest lecturers for 2026-27 at the beginning of the year, has taken measures to depute lecturers with lower workload to colleges with more workload.

After the deputation is completed, steps have been taken to appoint subject-wise guest lecturers for the posts that remain vacant.

The department has asked all Deputy Directors of Pre-University (DDPUs) to submit a list of required guest lecturers by May 16.

Ningegowda A.H., president of Karnataka State PU College Lecturers' Association, said, "The STR fixation is unscientific. This was fixed in 1995 when the number of colleges were less. Now, the number of colleges and students have increased. The STR of 320:1 is a maximum. There is no rule for minimum of STR in the department. No matter how many students there are, it is mandatory for one lecturer to be appointed for a subject – permanent or guest."

"Currently, there are 1,340 government PU colleges in the State. The total number of posts sanctioned for government pre-university colleges is 12,913, but the number of lecturers working is only 7,644, leaving 5,269 posts vacant.

About 50% of these lecturers are working as in-charge principals. Despite the lack of basic facilities and the vacancies of Group C and D, our lecturers have made efforts to handle them and conduct classes and achieve good results this year. However, Director of Department of School Education (Pre-University) has instructed the DDPUs to depute more than 4,000 lecturers to another college for three days a week. Parents won't be interested to getting their children admitted to government colleges," he added.

Moreover, the department has limited the duties of lecturers only to teaching and has taken steps to depute them by calculating the hours. But PU college lecturers have to handle other tasks, including training, remedy classes, evaluation work, visiting students' home, contact students through phone, admission work, examination work and others along with teaching, the association argued.

Meanwhile, guest lecturers are fearing losing jobs. "As the department is deputing lecturers to another college, then it is understood that guest lecturers working in those colleges will lose jobs. The department should immediately withdraw the order," said Rajesh Bhat, secretary of state government PU College Guest lecturers association.

Bharath S., Director of Department of School Education (Pre-University), said, "It is a routine department affair. It will be easier to recruit the required guest faculty only when lecturers with low workload are deputed to colleges with high workload. Deputation is being done this year like last year. In addition, steps have been taken to depute lecturers to nearby colleges within the respective district."

‘PM’s gold advisory hasn’t hit footfall yet’

Traders say though it has not made any difference to sales, it has impacted consumer sentiment, pushing some buyers into a wait-and-watch mode; however, it is too early to predict a clear trend, and it might take several weeks to months for a solid trend in gold sales to emerge

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s advisory to citizens on gold purchases has not made much difference to gold sales and customer footfall so far, though it has impacted consumer sentiment, pushing some buyers into a cautious or wait-and-watch mode, gold traders told *The Hindu* on Thursday.

They said it was too early to predict a clear trend, and it might take several weeks to months for a solid trend in gold sales to emerge.

Beyond investment: Jewellers note that in India, jewellery is not just about investment — it is also about celebrations, culture, weddings, anniversaries, holidays and gifting. FILE PHOTO

C. Vinod Hayagriv, managing director, C. Krishniah Chetty Group, observed that gold buyers were actually saying that it was unfair to ask them to reduce their spending on jewellery. “They empathise with the Prime Minister, but are unhappy to be told to reduce their spending on jewellery,” he said, adding that outlets did not see any reduction in the sales of gold jewellery after the Prime Minister’s advisory.

Gaurav Singh Kushwaha, founder and CEO, BlueStone Jewellery, said, India has always viewed gold beyond just a discretionary purchase; it was deeply linked to culture, weddings, gifting and long-term value creation. “At present, the markets were not seeing any material impact of the advisory on customer sentiments or footfall,” Mr. Kushwaha confirmed.

According to T.A. Sharavana, president of the Karnataka Jewellers Association, owner of Shree Sai Gold Palace and a former MLC, the Prime Minister’s call was aimed at bullion investment and not at individual buyers purchasing gold jewellery and ornaments. “Gold jewellery and ornaments are part of our heritage, culture and celebrations, and that will continue,” Mr. Sharavana said.

He further noted that what was hurting most was high taxation on gold imports. This would affect buyers and traders alike. The high price of gold would also lead to black market and illegal trade of gold and bullion, he cautioned.

M.P. Ahammad, chairman, Malabar Group, said India owned one of the world’s largest privately held gold reserves while continuing to rely significantly on imports to meet domestic demand.

He said that greater focus on recycling, exchange, reuse, and monetisation of existing domestic gold could play an important role in reducing import dependency, limiting dollar outflow, and strengthening the Indian economy over the long term.

“Mobilisation of even 1-2% of India’s domestic gold holdings could potentially release nearly 600-700 tonnes of gold into circulation, equivalent to a substantial portion of the country’s annual gold import demand,” said Mr. Ahammad.

Malabar Gold & Diamonds has recently submitted a proposal to the Union government recommending strategic enhancements to the Gold Monetisation Scheme (GMS).

Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) chairman Kirit Bhansali noted that the most severe impact of the recent hike in customs duty would be felt by MSME manufacturers, accounting for 80% of GJEPC’s membership, who are currently facing a critical liquidity crunch.

“GJEPC’s consistent position is that hiking import duties rarely curbs gold imports – it merely inflates prices. Despite gold prices doubling recently, imports have not declined proportionally. Such measures often fuel smuggling and escalate export costs,” he cautioned.

City jeweller Girish Ramanathan of Ikaksh Jewels said that advisories tend to make people cautious and take more informed decisions, but in India, jewellery is not just about investment – it is also about celebrations, culture, weddings, anniversaries, holidays and gifting.

Commenting on the gold market outlook for FY27, he said the trend could shift towards need-based purchases, with light-weight jewellery emerging as a preference, a pattern already visible among new-generation consumers opting for budget buys.

Meanwhile, according to Prithviraj Kothari, managing director of Riddi-Siddhi Bullions and president of the India Bullion and Jewellers Association, big retail chains have not seen a significant drop in footfall on the ground, suggesting that the advisory’s initial impact has been psychological rather than transactional. However, he said FY27 presents a bifurcated outlook.

Rain ready: The corporations have been directed to ensure that emergency response systems are fully prepared to tackle heavy rain, flooding, and related civic challenges. FILE PHOTO

Civic bodies told to prepare ahead of monsoon

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M. Maheshwar Rao, Chief Commissioner of the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), has directed all five corporations to organise parades of PRAHARI vehicles in their respective jurisdictions and ensure that emergency response systems are fully prepared to tackle heavy rain, flooding, and related civic challenges.

Additionally, he directed the officials that all tree-cutting vehicles, machinery, and associated emergency equipment are to be inspected in detail, with commissioners required to submit a comprehensive preparedness report within one week. Commissioners have also been instructed to inspect control rooms and ensure that all necessary arrangements, emergency systems, and staffing are fully equipped to respond effectively during heavy rains and flood situations.

Mr. Rao noted that special priority has been given to railway low-lying areas prone to flooding.

City corporation officers and Railway officials will jointly inspect each vulnerable location, coordinate necessary interventions, address flooding and leakage issues, and expedite pending works to minimise monsoon disruptions.He said that feasibility assessments will be undertaken for procuring litter pickers in required numbers to strengthen sanitation systems and maintain cleanliness across the city.He has also ordered immediate cleaning, upkeep, and desilting of road medians wherever necessary to improve drainage efficiency.

Dilapidated structures

For public safety, Mr. Rao said dilapidated buildings and unsafe compound structures across the city are to be identified and removed on priority. In addition, the Central City Corporation has set up a committee within the corporation to identify such structures and clear them at the earliest.

Fake billing case: GBA asks engineers to collect notices in person

Three hundred and ten engineers who worked with the erstwhile BBMP when the fake billing scam surfaced are missing. FILE PHOTO

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BENGALURU

Unable to find the 310 engineers who worked with the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) when the fake billing scam surfaced, the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) has issued a public notice asking them to collect official notices in person and respond within 15 days.

The engineers had served in the BBMP’s engineering wing in Gandhinagar, Malleswaram and Rajarajeshwari Nagar zones between 2008-09 and 2011-12, when civic works in the three zones later came under scrutiny over allegations that fake or inflated bills had been cleared for works that were either not fully executed or showed discrepancies on the ground. Authorities said notices sent to them could not be served as their addresses were not traceable.

Officials said many had been on deputation at the time and were later transferred to other departments, making it difficult to locate them now.

During the mentioned years, engineers had signed measurement bills, quality control reports and third-party audit documents that enabled the release of ₹118.26 crore to Karnataka Rural Infrastructure Development Limited, which had been entrusted with conducting the works.

The lapses were examined by a committee headed by retired judge H.N. Nagamohan Das, which recommended action against officials.

Drop Bidadi township project: Kumaraswamy

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BENGALURU

Urging the State government to drop the Bidadi township project, Union Heavy Industries and Steel Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy on Thursday said the government was getting into real estate development despite farmers opposing land acquisition for the project.

“The government is acting like a broker in the project and conducting real estate business per square foot. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has emerged as the broker,” he said during a press conference here. The government is acting at the behest of the businessmen, he added.

Incidentally, the Bidadi township was first announced during the 20-month regime of Mr. Kumaraswamy during his first term as the Chief Minister in 2006-2007. He said, “The question of providing land does not arise. Farmers are not willing to part with their land. We will see how the government will acquire land.”

He also accused the Bengaluru South Deputy Commissioner of dancing to the tune of the real estate business.

He said the decision in the Cabinet was taken recklessly, and that the Chief Minister was willing to sign anything to retain his post.

“The government is saying the project will yield ₹33,000 crore. The government is also saying that there are no farmers in these villages.”

Acknowledging that he had announced five townships to decongest Bengaluru, he said, “The Congress had opposed it then. A fact-finding committee report was submitted by H.K. Patil. What happened to the report? If it is available, make it public.”

State moving towards climate action plan at GP level

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The State government is working towards formulating climate action plans at the level of individual gram panchayats, covering all 5,994 GPs and 314 urban local bodies across Karnataka, said T. Mahesh, director, Administration Department, Environmental Management and Policy Research Institute (EMPRI), Government of Karnataka.

He was delivering a special address at a conclave on ‘Advancing Sustainability: Collaboration and Innovation to Accelerate Net-Zero’, organised by the Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce (BCIC).

“Karnataka’s ambition is to make every gram panchayat a unit of climate accountability, where a farmer in Bidar and a panchayat leader in Kodagu both understand, own, and act on their role in India’s net-zero journey. We are not waiting for the world to change; we are building that change from the ground up to all the villages,” said Mr. Mahesh.

The Gram Panchayat-Level Climate Plan is a part of the Karnataka State Action Plan on Climate Change. The State has mapped 105 key performance indicators (KPIs) across 50 departments, from agriculture and horticulture to urban development, monitored monthly at the apex level by the Chief Secretary. District-level training programmes on climate KPIs are already under way.

The event also saw the release of a report on ‘Collaboration, Innovation and Net-Zero Imperative’.

According to the report, net-zero acceleration requires the simultaneous deployment of technology, collaborative governance and Scope 3 supply chain discipline.

“Sustainability is not merely a corporate agenda discussed in boardrooms, but a personal responsibility that begins with each individual. Today, humanity consumes the earth’s yearly resources within just the first quarter of the year, meaning we are borrowing from future generations at an alarming pace,” said Prashant Gokhale, president, BCIC.

BCIC members were awarded for their contribution and best practices in various categories of Sustainability through the Sustainability Awards 2026.

Timings
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FRIDAY, MAY. 15	
RISE 05:55	SET 18:38
RISE 04:13	SET 17:10
SATURDAY, MAY. 16	
RISE 05:54	SET 18:38
RISE 05:03	SET 18:14
SUNDAY, MAY. 17	
RISE 05:54	SET 18:38
RISE 05:58	SET 19:23

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	34	15
Mysuru	34	22
Bengaluru	34	23

Bengaluru Today
34°C The weather will be warm. Spell of light rain and thundershower with gusty winds to occur. Night will be comfortable.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
33°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be warm. Night also will be pleasant. Chances of light rain and thundershower.

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PUBLIC AUCTION SALE NOTICE
Sale of Immovable Property Mortgaged to Bank Under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.
(No 54 of 2002) -- SARFAESI ACT

Smt.Bhagyalakshmi N

Whereas the Borrower **Smt.Bhagyalakshmi.N** W/o Sri.Manjunatha.K.G, residing at No.08(7/3), Seethabyraweshwara Nilaya, 5th Cross, Byrappa Layout, R.M.V 2nd Stage, Bangalore – 560094 have borrowed monies from Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha, V V Puram Branch, #113, 1st Floor, R V Road, V V Puram, Bangalore-560004 and they owes a sum of **Rs.10,71,701/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Seventy One Thousand Seven Hundred and One Only) as on 14/05/2026 and further interest @ 14.00% per annum respectively and costs there on.** Whereas the Authorised Officer of the Bank has issued notice under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and thereafter has taken possession of the properties owned and mortgaged to the bank by **Smt.Bhagyalakshmi.N W/o Sri.Manjunatha.K.G, residing at No.08(7/3), Seethabyraweshwara Nilaya, 5th Cross, Byrappa Layout, R.M.V 2nd Stage, Bangalore – 560094** and has decided to sell the property, described in Schedule herein below, on 'AS IS WHERE IS BASIS' under rules 8 & 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

DETAILS OF SALE:
Place of Auction: Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha, #113, R.V.Road, V.V. Puram, Bangalore-560004.
Date/Day & Time of auction: 17/06/2026, Wednesday at 11:00 AM
DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHEDULE PROPERTY:
Schedule : All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Muncipal No.5, PID No.100-72-5, situated at 1st cross, Behind Shanimahathma Temple, Nagasetty Halli, Bangalore, measuring East to West 36 feet and North to South 29 feet totally measuring at extent of 1044 Sqft alongwith Residential building thereon and bounded on the **East by:** Road, **West by:** Site No.8, **North by:** Site No.4 **South by:** Property of Narasegowda.
Reserve Price: Rs.1,62,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Sixty Two Lakhs only)

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(3) Incase the successful bidder fails to deposit 25% of bid amount immediately on the sale being knocked down in his favour and the balance amount within 15 days, the entire deposit made by the bidder shall be forfeited by the Authorised Officer without any notice.
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(6) The Authorised Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject the bid or adjourn/ postpone the auction without assigning any reason therefore.
(7) The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank.
(8) The auction of the property will be made as per the above order or at the discretion of the Authorised Officer.
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Whereas the borrowers **Smt.Meenakshi W/o Somashekar, Sri.Karthik.S S/o Somashekar and Sri.Somashekar S/o Yellappa Reddy all are residing at No.69, 7th Cross, Near Kalpataru Bank, Bellandur, Bangalore-560103** have borrowed monies from **Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha, V V Puram Branch, #113, 1st Floor, R V Road, V V Puram, Bangalore-560004** and they owes a sum of **Rs.69,98,013/- (Rupees Sixty Nine Lakhs Ninety Eight Thousand and Thirteen only) as on 14/05/2026 and further interest @ 15.00% per annum and costs there on.** Whereas the Authorised Officer of the Bank has issued notice under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and thereafter has taken possession of the properties owned and mortgaged to the Bank by **Smt.Meenakshi W/o Somashekar, Sri.Karthik.S S/o Somashekar and Sri.Somashekar S/o Yellappa Reddy all are residing at No.69, 7th Cross, Near Kalpataru Bank, Bellandur, Bangalore-560103** and decided to sell the property, described in Schedule herein below, on 'AS IS WHERE IS BASIS' under rules 8 & 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. .

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Blue wave: Members of the West Block Blues fan group, that keeps the west stand of the Kanteerava Stadium lively and vivacious during the ISL matches. The biggest reason for the healthy swelling of crowd was the low ticket prices and the ease of availability. K. MURALI KUMAR

Bengaluru's football-cricket crossover

Is football carving out a niche under the giant shadow of cricket in Bengaluru, and what in-stadia experience is attracting the enthusiasts? **N. Sudarshan** examines the sporting scene of the city seeking answers

On February 15, as India and Pakistan faced off in a marquee T20 World Cup clash in Colombo, more than 11,000 football fans assembled at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium to watch Bengaluru FC begin its Indian Super League (ISL) campaign against Sporting Club Delhi.

An India-Pakistan clash – however frequent and uncompetitive it may have become in recent times – generally brings the whole country to a standstill. But this unwritten rule did not apply to those thousands of boisterous, football-hungry fans who had converged in the heart of the city.

The following Sunday, when BFC took on NorthEast United FC, more than 13,000 thronged the venue despite another high-profile World Cup cricket match – between India and South Africa – being held on the same day.

The numbers in subsequent matches at the Kanteerava kept growing. More than 20,000 people came to watch BFC play Mohun Bagan Super Giant, and there were over 21,000 fans for the Kerala Blasters fixture.

The Blasters contest on April 11 (Saturday), in fact, clashed with India's most sought-after evening entertainment programme in the summer – the Indian Premier League (IPL). Yet, fans opted to savour football action in person rather than be glued to their television sets at home.

These instances have given rise to multiple interesting questions: is football carving out a niche under the giant shadow of cricket? What in-stadia experience is attracting the enthusiasts? And, is this a sign that a sports-watching, stadium-going culture independent of cricket can mushroom?

Fan engagement

"BFC has done a really good job of engaging with the fans," said Pradhyum Reddy, an assistant coach at the outfit from its inception in 2013 until 2016, and someone who has donned the roles of technical director and CEO at multiple clubs.

"Their social media game is second to none. It's not just social media for the sake of it, and they don't do clickbait stuff.

"The other thing is, it's probably the second generation of fans who are coming in. Kids who were ball boys or mascots in the early years at BFC, some of them are now playing in the ISL, like BFC's Vinith Venkatesh and NorthEast United's Macarton Nickson. There is also the BFC Soccer Schools academy and programme. So, they have connected well with the city.

"It's not happened overnight. This is what 13 years of building towards something can do," 49-year-old Reddy added.

At the start of the season though, there was an atmosphere of nervous apprehension. Top-flight football generally kicks off in September, but the 2025-26 ISL was put on hold for five long months because FSDL, a joint venture between Reliance Industries and Star Sports, which ran the ISL for a decade, and the All India Football Federation (AIFF) failed to renew the Master Rights Agreement before it expired in December 2025.

> Bengaluru also has the advantage of good weather, and a five-o'clock match, even in April and May, is a great time to watch
>
> **PRADHYUM REDDY,** Assistant coach

When the league finally started in mid-February, following many months of litigation in the Supreme Court and intervention from the Union Sports Ministry, it was in a truncated format.

The 14 teams in the fray should have ideally played 26 matches (13 home and 13 away), but in the ongoing campaign, they were playing each other just once, amounting to only 13 outings overall.

Soaring attendance

Yet, attendances have gone up. In 2024-25, when BFC finished a worthy runner-up to Mohun Bagan, an average of 12,687 fans per game flocked to the Kanteerava, according to football statistics website *transfermarkt*. This season, that number has risen to 15,357.

BFC may have played 14 matches at home last campaign compared to just six this time around, but the interest has been palpable.

"It's amazing because after the stop-start-stop nature [of the build up], we weren't quite sure," Sunil Chhetri, Indian football legend and BFC captain, told *The Hindu*.

"In the dressing room, we players thought it might not be the same. Last year, we were winning games and playing well. This year, because there was no clarity, we thought people weren't probably going to come.

"But my appetite when it comes to fans at the Kanteerava is always huge. I always expect and dream that they are going to come, and that's what happened," the 41-year-old gushed.

Low ticket pricing

For ardent BFC supporter Nishanth Barke, the biggest reason for the healthy swelling of the crowd was the low ticket prices and the ease of availability. He is a member of the famed West Block Blues fan group, which keeps the west stand of the Kanteerava lively and vivacious.

"The prices had increased a lot during the previous seasons, and you could see a drop in attendance except for the big games," opined Barke. "This season, when the prices were kept at ₹500 for West Block, and even less for the other stands (some as low as ₹49), you could see many non-football fans also coming.

"We also need to appreciate the BFC media team's strategy of collaborating with Instagram influencers. This ensured that the franchise content was always on people's feeds. With fewer home games, and the content, people wanted to witness a game before the season ended," he added.

The scheduling helped too. All six of BFC's home ties this season were played during weekends, and two of the club's biggest rivals, Mohun Bagan and Kerala Blasters, visited Kanteerava, driving up the interest further.

Good weather

"Bengaluru also has the advantage of good weather and a five-o'clock match, even in April and May, is a great time to watch," said Reddy. "You finish the match and there is UB City around the corner. Or, you can go for an afternoon stroll in the nearby Cubbon Park. You can make a day out of it.

"It is among the best match-day experiences in the ISL. It's kids-friendly, women are there, and it is a really good atmosphere."

It is noteworthy that BFC has attracted audiences despite its home form being patchy at best – one win, three draws and two losses. Reddy credited former India captain Renedy Singh, who was the coach for the first four games at Kanteerava before Spaniard Pep Munoz took over, for playing a role in this.

"BFC under Renedy played decent football. It was attractive, exciting, and there was a lot of goal-mouth action. Youngsters were involved, there was someone from the academy playing, and people came to watch them. You have to give a brand of entertainment that makes fans come to the stadium, and I think Renedy did that."

Unlike earlier times, a significant portion of the current season has overlapped with the IPL. As long as both IPL and ISL were in the custody of a single broadcaster (Star network), the competitions seldom ran simultaneously, with the assumption – not entirely without basis – being that there wouldn't be enough eyeballs for football.

In 2021-22 and 2022-23, not a single IPL and ISL match clashed. In 2023-24, there was nearly a month's overlap but that was because the ISL had to take a break in January 2024 for the AFC Asian Cup. In 2024-25, only the five playoff contests were played concurrently with the IPL.

However, at a time when there are signs of fan fatigue affecting cricket, the missteps in football governance in India and the entry of streaming platform FanCode as the new broadcast partner may have inadvertently unlocked a hitherto unimaginable future of co-existence.

Interestingly, BFC met FC Goa in the first leg of their semi-final at the Kanteerava on April 2, 2025. The same evening, Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) played Gujarat Titans in an IPL game at the adjacent M. Chinnaswamy Stadium. That did not stop nearly 20,000 people from turning the football arena into a raucous theatre. In hindsight, that evening was a clear cue.

"The people of Bengaluru love sports, and they support the teams that represent the city," said Yashas, an avid BFC follower. "Be it RCB or even Bengaluru Bulls [in the Pro Kabaddi League]. Last year, for the Neeraj Chopra Classic [javelin throw event], more than 14,000 people turned up. So, you can clearly see people love sports here."

Organic fandom

This organic fandom has warmed the heart of Darren Caldeira, the director of football at BFC. The uncertainity surrounding ISL's commencement meant that Caldeira and his team couldn't let anticipation build, a prerequisite for lasting fan engagement.

Once the dates were announced, there was just enough time to get the stadium ready, spruce up the grass turf and liaise with local government agencies regarding logistics and permissions.

After the death of 11 persons in a stampede outside the Chinnaswamy Stadium in June 2025 during RCB's title-win celebrations, protocols with respect to crowd management were made stricter for all venues.

"Bengaluru was starved of football. Not just club football, but even the national team didn't have anything here," said Caldeira. "So, once the season started, and every time there was a home game, we tried to create a vibe by having activities, say at the concourse.

"It could also be something as simple as sipping coffee at Konark restaurant and chatting about the game. Even some conversations between fans and the management.

"Because, it's not just about a fan purchasing a ticket, watching a game and leaving. They have to come in with this feeling of 'well, we belong here, and the club is ours, and we want to meet our people'. Kudos to the fans for joining in and doing this together," the 38-year-old added.

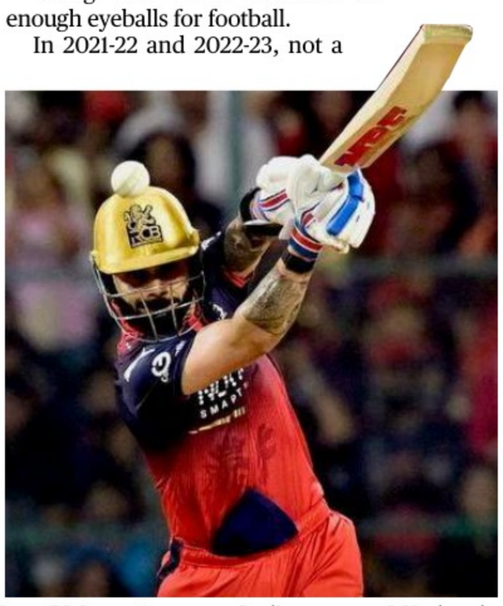
How to sustain it

However, to sustain this positivity, authorities running Indian football have to get their acts together. After the exit of FSDL, the search for a new commercial partner is on. There is ambiguity regarding when the league would begin, how many teams will participate, and what the format will be.

"Only if you have that clarity can clubs plan for recruiting good coaches and players, sending out the schedule, and do the things that will build up anticipation," said Reddy.

"When are the matches against Mohun Bagan and Kerala Blasters, and when can one travel to watch the match against FC Goa? These are the things that help create a buzz, and are thus very important."

The foundation for growth is clearly there. It is time to build a solid edifice.



Nearly 20,000 people turned up for a football match when BFC met FC Goa at Kanteerava Stadium, even as RCB played Gujarat Titans in an IPL game at the adjacent M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in April 2025. K. MURALI KUMAR

A few grocery stores in the city stock up on fresh produce and provisions from the seven North-East states, serving as a lifeline for its community. We speak to the people behind them

Seven Sisters in our midst

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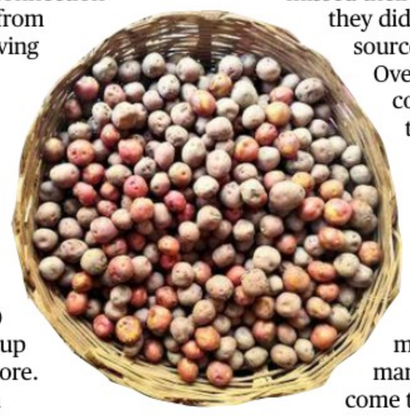
I catch Immanuel Songat on his weekly grocery run at the North East Provision Store. The blink-and-you-miss-it grocery store is in a lane in Ejipura, squeezed between Hari Om Jwellers and Style Hair Dressers.

The fridge is full of wild greens and Naga chillies, there are baskets of yams, and stacks of canned sardines line the shelves. Behind the counter, surrounded by heaps of fish pickle packets, sits Akhok Horam from Manipur; her uncle, James, owns the shop. Immanuel, who hails from Assam, eagerly points out his favourites, "Every week I pick up greens, Singju packets and fermented beans from here." These North Eastern grocery stores that dot Ejipura are a connection to home for folks from the seven States living in Bengaluru, offering produce that is nearly impossible to find online or in the city's gourmet stores.



Chinaoshim Hongvah came to Bengaluru in 2010 to work as a makeup artiste in a MAC store. "I am a Naga from Manipur. In 2015, I opened the Seven Sisters shop in a lane in Ejipura. So many of our North Eastern people were here. They missed their home food, but they did not know how to source the products. Over time I built my contacts and started the shop."

In 2018, they moved to a store on the main road, opposite a gamut of shops selling meats and chicken. "Once I moved here, so many people who come to shop for meats, started noticing our shop. Then we gained popularity on Instagram too." Now their page @7sistersstore_enterprises has more than 12K followers and regularly posts about the produce that is available.

Six months ago they opened a restaurant called Seven Sisters Pitstop Northeast restaurant. On the menu are Manipuri snail curry with pork, smoked pork thalis, and buff innards curry. The produce is sourced from Nagaland or Manipur.

Why Eijipura

Bengaluru's Ejipura is infamous for the unfinished flyover hanging over it. But beside the concrete behemoth, there is a bustling locality that is a crucible of Tamil, Kannadiga and North East communities living together. The story goes that because of its proximity to the British army grounds, it was called Equestrian Grounds Puram back in the day, which later became EG Puram.

Its closeness to both Indiranagar and Koramangala, along with an already existing community, make it a popular choice for folks from the North East. People from Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura, and Nagaland have made their home in this two kilometre radius of Ejipura and Viveknagar.

When Seven Sisters began it was only one of two, but now there are more than 100, Chinaoshim claims, "Especially because of the conflict and community clash back home in Manipur, people come here and start their own business. There is no work there." It is a viable business plan to open a grocery store as the rents are cheap and the investment required is quite low.

The hills are alive (Clockwise from left) Chinaoshim Hongvah; Naga onion; dried smoked pork; Manipuri Longpi black pottery; Napa basil from Nagaland and other vegetables; baby potatoes (below). BY THE AUTHOR

What's in store

The products in these stores are sourced from Manipur, Nagaland, and Kalimpong, and snacks from Nepal and Myanmnar. Dried fish in plastic packets hang from the shelves. Pickles are a popular export; varieties include king chilli, bamboo shoots, and beef. Nagaland's famous fermented soyabean product axone can be picked up to be used in chutneys and curries.

I see black rice, dried yam leaves called anishi, yam milk cheese churpi, peels of kaffir lime, and perilla seeds (now better known thanks to Korean food). Burmese snacks such as rusks, butter biscuits and tea are fast moving items. From the fresh section there are mustard greens, pumpkins, and onion roots. At Seven Sisters you can also pick up clay pots and wooden cutlery.

Less than a kilometer away, in Rajendra Nagar near the Regional Passport Office, is another hub for the community. I take a short walk in one of the teeming by lanes, and between the bike repair shops and kebab centers are around five or six NE stores.

I see the familiar red stacks of canned mackerel, pouches of Wai Wai noodle snacks and packets of Joker Super butter biscuits. The stories are the same. Jacob Kamei came from Manipur to Bengaluru just after the COVID 19 pandemic and set up shop in Rajendra Nagar. His shop may be small, but when I visit there is a group of three or four people inspecting the produce.

Back in the North East Provision Store, as I pick up some yak cheese for myself, a local Kannadiga woman walks in asking for Manipuri lemon. "It is not there *akka*. Please come next week," Akhok replies.

Off the books

Lightroom, a children's book store in the city, is exhibiting illustrations by artist Priya Kuriyan

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This summer, young readers can see some of their favourite characters in a whole new setting. Alighting from the pages of books, illustrations by artist Priya Kuriyan now adorn the walls of Lightroom, a bookshop in Bengaluru's Cooke Town.

Perhaps one of the few book stores to cater exclusively to children, the founder of Lightroom Aashti Mudnani and her business partner Aneesha Bangera reached out to Priya following the inauguration of their upper level and a showcase by Tara Books.

"They wanted their second show to centre around children's books too," says Priya, adding, "While it is common to see art based on different genres of literature displayed at art galleries, cafes or other public spaces, it is quite unusual to see art work from children's books exhibited."

"Though it was their idea to put up original art, both Aneesha and Aashti left it to me to decide what I would like to showcase." With over 20 years in this whimsical line of work, it was no mean feat. The artist says she narrowed her choices down to hand painted, analog work specifically created for certain books or chapters and both the founders being familiar with her work, helped Priya pick from the selected images.

Today, as many as 24 works of art are on display at Lightroom; this is the first time Priya's works are being exhibited.

Whimsical An illustration by Priya Kuriyan for *Hoopoe on the Lawn* by Ruskin Bond. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Priya who had studied at the National Institute of Design, approached a Chennai-based publishing house asking if she could illustrate for them. They agreed, and her work first appeared in *I am So Sleepy,* the story of a baby elephant who forgets how to fall asleep. The title was published in 2004 and has since grown into a series with a whole cast of characters who went on to become protagonists in ensuing titles.

That impetus was all she needed and Priya says the journey to becoming an illustrator was "organic" with more work coming her way post that.

Popular illustrations by Priya Kuriyan will be on display at Lightroom till May 15. Limited edition of a few prints are on sale. Entry free.

Twice as good Jazz guitarist Stanley Jordan. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Can't touch this

Jazz guitarist Stanley Jordan and drummer Kenwood Dennard are in Bengaluru this weekend

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"I'll be presenting my tandem guitar setup in India for the first time ever; it comprises two guitars, and I play both at the same time," says Stanley Jordan. "One is on a stand and I hold the other and the result is a fuller range of sounds and textures."

Even while playing a single guitar, Stanley, now 66, has a signature style – an advanced form of two-handed tapping that allows him to play the melody and chords simultaneously. Stanley can play the guitar and piano at the same time too.

The American jazz guitarist will be joined by drummer Kenwood Dennard and the duo will be performing in Hyderabad and Bengaluru this weekend. "Ken is my favorite drummer in the whole world and I'm so blessed he'll be joining me. His musical style is similar to mine – he plays the drums and keyboard at the same time."

Stanley adds this is not a performance gimmick. "It is not a circus trick. We do this to expand our musical palette; even though just the two of us will be performing, we create the effect of a larger group. However, it holds a lot of intimacy because it is still only two people."

That's how I met my drummer

An association spanning decades is the reason these two musicians are so in sync. Stanley says Kenwood was already a famous musician in New York when they met. "He had performed with legends such as Dizzy Gillespie, Quincy Jones and others. That day, he was scheduled to perform with Jaco Pastorius at a nightclub in New York and I was playing on the street outside."

Stanley says Kenwood showed up late for his sound check because he was listening to him. "After I finished he said, "Wow, that was really good, but can you play the blues?" When I said I could, Ken said he'd be my drummer for life."

That was in 1983 and since then, the duo have been making music singly and together. For their gigs in India, the duo will be performing a mix of covers and original compositions. "We've been playing together for so long now, we have a huge repertoire we will be drawing from, apart from two recent projects – a Grateful Dead tribute and a Jimi Hendrix one – so we'll probably showcase some of that music as well."

"Kenwood is very creative, and I love to improvise so there's always magic and spontaneity. I am sure there will probably be some songs that we create completely from scratch at the venue," he says.

"Music is definitely my passion, and more than entertainment, I find a spiritual upliftment from music and a vibe with the audience that is undeniable and unmistakable. Kenwood feels the same way too, and at every performance we try to get the music to go beyond mere melodies."

It is similar to a poet using words to go beyond prose, he explains. "That is the same thing we are trying to achieve with music."

Stanley Jordan and Kenwood Dennard will play at Windmills Craftworks on May 16 and 17. Tickets from ₹1770 on BookMyShow.

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Music and memory

Stories and Songs, a deeply personal and evocative performance by one of India's most revered theatre practitioners, B Jayashree, will bring together memory, music and the magic of the stage. The event, presented by Bhoomija, will be further enriched by a live, immersive musical ensemble led by Praveen D Rao.
At Prestige Centre for Performing Arts, Konanakunte, on May 16, at 6.30pm. Tickets, priced at ₹400, available on BookMyShow.

Abundant beauty

Rooted in Nature, a solo show by Bengaluru-based artist Sultana Hasan is on display at the MKF Museum of Art on Lavelle Road. Executed using mixed media, Sultana's works celebrate the beauty of life and reflect a quiet joy in the colours of leaves, flowers, trees, streams, mountains and more.
On till May 20. Entry free, Mondays closed

Theatre Talk

Yugant, written by Marathi playwright Mahesh Elkunchwar and directed by Gerish Khemani, will be staged this weekend.
At Rangashankara, JP Nagar on May 16, with shows at 3.30pm and 7.30pm. Tickets, priced at ₹300, available on BookMyShow.

SIR of electoral rolls in State from June 20; over 5.55 cr. to be covered

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka will begin the next phase of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls from June 20, with more than 5.55 crore electors set to be covered. The exercise will be done through a month-long house-to-house verification exercise by Booth Level Officers (BLOs) from June 30, according to the Election Commission of India (ECI).

The State has been included in Phase III of the nationwide revision programme, which is aimed at updating electoral rolls ahead of future elections and ensuring accuracy of voter records.

Chief Electoral Officer Anbu Kumar told *The Hindu* that 86% of mapping has been completed so far and the remaining will be completed before the SIR exercise begins.

As per the schedule released by the ECI, preparatory work, training and printing of materials for Karnataka will be taken up between June 20 and June 29. House-to-house visits by BLOs will then be conducted from June 30 to July 29. Rationalisation of polling stations is to be completed by July 29.

The draft electoral roll for Karnataka will be published on August 5. Claims and objections can be filed from August 5 to September 4, while disposal of claims and objections will continue till October 3. The final electoral roll is scheduled to be published on October 7.

Official figures show that Karnataka has 5,55,74,064 electors as of May 12, making it one of the larger States in the Phase III exercise. To carry out the revision, 59,050 Booth Level Officers have been assigned in the State, while political parties have so far appointed 25,284 Booth Level Agents (BLAs).

Election officials said the exercise would involve door-to-door verification of electors, identification of duplicate or shifted entries, addition of eligible new voters, and correction of errors in existing records.

Karnataka is grouped with Meghalaya, Maharashtra, Jharkhand and Delhi in this round of revision, all of which share an October 1 qualifying date for the updated rolls.

Officials in Karnataka are expected to issue district-level instructions shortly, asking voters to cooperate with BLOs during house visits and verify details such as name, age, address and polling station particulars.

86.37% electors with family linkage mapped

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Karnataka has mapped 4.79 crore electors, or 86.37% of the State's total 5.55 crore voters, under the ongoing electoral roll family-linkage exercise as of May 14t.

The exercise seeks to link electors through family or progeny data to improve voter roll accuracy and identify eligible new voters who have crossed the age threshold.

The report shows that 2.27 crore electors above the prescribed cut-off age have been mapped directly, accounting for 70.47% of the eligible category. In addition, 2.52 crore progeny records above 18 years have also been linked, taking the overall mapping figure close to 4.8 crore.

Kodagu recorded the highest overall mapping at 95.53%, followed closely by Mandya (95.43%), Ballari (95.19%), Chamarajanagar (95%), and Chitradurga (94.95%).

The report shows that Bengaluru continues to lag the State averages. Among the three GBA zones, South recorded 64.60%, Central 64.90% and North 67.32%. Bengaluru Urban stood at 75.10%, while Bengaluru Rural recorded 85.58%.

Progress report

Top five districts in elector mapping	
Kodagu	95.53%
Mandya	95.43%
Ballari	95.19%
Chamarajanagar	95.00%
Chitradurga	94.95%
Bottom five districts	
GBA South	64.60%
GBA Central	64.90%
GBA North	67.32%
Bengaluru Urban	75.10%
Raichur	82.41%

NEET: CM wants Modi to apologise, sack Pradhan

Siddaramaiah calls for transparent and time-bound probe into question paper leak

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday lashed out at the Union government's decision to cancel the NEET-UG 2026 examination following the alleged leakage of question paper. He demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi apologise to students and sought the dismissal of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.

In a statement to the media, the Chief Minister termed the cancellation of NEET examination an "administrative failure" on the part of the Modi government.

He said the Centre had failed to protect the interests of talented students, and added that Mr. Pradhan should be held responsible for the paper leak and removed from the Union Cabinet.

More than 22 lakh students appeared for the examination across the country, including over one lakh candidates from Karnataka.

The Chief Minister said parents had incurred a large amount of expenses on coaching, travel and other arrangements for the future of their children, but the Centre's decision had pushed students into uncertainty and hardship.

Siddaramaiah

Recalling the State government's opposition to NEET, Mr. Siddaramaiah said in 2024 Karnataka had argued that the examination would be unfair to rural and economically weaker students. He also said NEET curtailed the rights of States in conducting entrance examinations, adding that Karnataka's Common Entrance Test (CET), conducted successfully for over a decade, had become a model for the rest of the country.

He noted that the State had passed a resolution in July 2024 opposing the Centre's decision to conduct NEET and demanded the restoration of states' powers to hold such entrance examinations within the federal framework.

The Chief Minister called for a transparent and time-bound investigation into the question paper leak and sought strict action against those responsible.

Dress code

Mr. Siddaramaiah said the revised dress code has been implemented in schools and colleges across the State, in keeping with the constitutional principle of equal respect for all religions.

"This is not a dress code intended to please or hurt anyone, but a dress code that respects the practices and traditions of all castes and religions," he said.

"It is natural for those who are dividing the society on the basis of caste and religion to feel pain from this. Let them first look within themselves and do some introspection," the Chief Minister said, apparently referring to the opposition BJP.

When the sacred thread (janivara) was removed in one or two places and when Muslim girl students wore the hijab in one or two schools in Udupi, these BJP leaders tried to set the whole of Karnataka on fire with communal hatred. Can they not see the tears of students who are crying because of the cancellation of the NEET examination? he asked.

The dress code implemented in the State's educational institutions is in line with the dress code followed in Kendriya Vidyalayas under the control of the Union government. Those who oppose the dress code issued by the State government should also oppose the dress code of Kendriya Vidyalayas. Why this hypocrisy?

"If allowing the hijab amounts to appeasement of Muslims, does allowing the sacred thread, turban, or traditional headgear amount to appeasement of those respective religions?" the Chief Minister asked.

'Cong. raking up hijab issue after Davangere developments'

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Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy has accused the Congress of raking up the hijab issue in the light of developments around the Davangere South Assembly Constituency.

He said that the hijab issue is in court and that there is a stay order.

Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy addressing a press conference in Bengaluru on Thursday. PTI

"I have spoken about hijab issue extensively in the Assembly. People know my opinion about hijab. There is nothing new to add," he told presspersons here. "Can you justify the removal of sacred thread from a student during an examination recently? Everything is being done for politics. For Congress, political profit is more important than peace in society. Scared by the way people have voted, Congress has taken this decision."

Questioning the silence of the government on hijab for three years, Mr. Kumaraswamy said: "There is a convention of Muslims to be held on May 16. They have taken the decision in duress. Otherwise, they would have taken this decision soon after they came to power. This is to appease one community and the government is disrespecting the judiciary."

Uniform: No new practices will be allowed, says Siddaramaiah

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Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has made it clear that the government will not allow introduction of new practices along with uniforms in educational institutions in the State.

Responding to queries by reporters here on Thursday on the State government's decision to permit students to wear traditional and faith-based symbols, along with the prescribed uniform, in schools and colleges, Mr. Siddaramaiah said students from primary school classes to class 12 can wear 'janivara', 'Shiva dhara', 'rudraksha', and turban, besides hijab.

When his attention was drawn to BJP's criticism for permitting hijab, and asked if the government will permit students to sport saffron shawls and turbans, Mr. Siddaramaiah said such shawls will not be allowed. Only those turbans, whose use is already in practice, will be allowed. "No new practices will be allowed," he said.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah speaking to reporters in Mysuru on Thursday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Size of convoy

When his attention was drawn to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's move to cut down the size of his convoy of vehicles as part of austerity measures, and asked if similar steps would be followed by the State government, Mr. Siddaramaiah described such measures as 'temporary'.

Finding fault with the Prime Minister's appeal, Mr. Siddaramaiah said Mr. Modi should instead speak with other countries to find a solution to the situation.

Ministry expansion

Asked about his plans to go to Delhi to meet the party high command, Mr. Siddaramaiah said he will go and meet the leaders whenever he is invited.

To another question, he said there is an intention to reconstitute the ministry.

Why are Congress and BJP in State wary of raising their voice on ST reservation

K.V. Aditya Bhardwaj
Sharath S. Srivatsa
BENGALURU

Political considerations are believed to have forced leaders from the Scheduled Tribes (STs) in the ruling Congress and as well as the opposition BJP into silence over the issue of reservation, despite the Karnataka government deciding to revert to the old reservation formula with reduced quantum, from 7% to 3%.

2026 updates

The BJP that had put off a padayatra from Chitradurga to Bengaluru by senior ST leader B. Sriramulu in March, 2026, adopting what it called a "wait and watch approach", has now said it is "holding consultations with affected communities as part of efforts to build a Statewide campaign by involving them".

Shadow of tussle

A senior government functionary blamed the leadership tussle in the Congress between Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar for, what he called, a 'muted response' by the Congress. Naika leaders – Public Works Minister Satish Jarkiholi and former Minister K.N. Rajanna – have not said much in public on the issue. Sources said that the leadership issue is preventing the government from convening a meeting of community leaders, out of fear that it would be construed as yet another 'faction meeting'.

The only visible move of the State government was when the Chief Minister handed over an 18-point memorandum to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, which included a demand to include the 56% reservation in the 9th Schedule of the Constitution.

Earlier this week, a delegation led by Congress leader V.S. Ugrappa met the Chief Minister urging him to get the stay vacated in Karnataka High Court besides convene an all-party meet, and take a delegation to Delhi to get the 2022 legislation inserted in the 9th Schedule of the Constitution.

Competing interests

The issue seems to have divided opinions in the BJP that is stuck between competing interests. Interestingly, it was during the BJP regime that the law to increase reservation was passed. A proposed BJP rally from Chitradurga to Bengaluru in the third week of March to protest the government's decision was called off. The saffron party is believed to be cagey about the NDA-led Centre being forced to include the increased reservation of 56% in the 9th Schedule of the Constitution.

Challenges of ST quota

"Several 'upper' caste groups are opposed to increasing reservation beyond the 50% cap. If reservation for SCs and STs have to be implemented in proportion to their population and still maintain the 50% cap, reservation for OBCs will have to be cut, which they are opposed to," a senior BJP leader explained.

When questioned about inclusion in the 9th Schedule, another senior leader said that the question does not arise. "There are multiple States in the country where reservation levels have breached the 50% cap, and accepted by the courts. In Karnataka, the hike is clearly based on data, but the State government has failed to argue its case well in the High Court of Karnataka," a BJP leader said.

R. Ashok, Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly, on Wednesday announced that the party was in consultation with ST communities and will soon launch a Statewide campaign demanding proportional representation to the communities. He alleged Congress had "hatched a conspiracy" to deny these communities their share. Another senior party leader said that the party is likely to finalise dates for a padayatra shortly.

(Concluded)

'Centre must include enhanced quota under 9th Schedule'

Sharath S. Srivatsa
BENGALURU

Public Works Minister Satish Jarkiholi, who belongs to the Nayaka community, a scheduled tribe, spoke to *The Hindu*

Why are Naiak leaders not speaking out or protesting?

The community leaders have been holding meetings among themselves and have been seeking advice from legal experts. It is also because some of the cases relating to this issue are pending in courts. In fact, the Union Government has 7.5% for STs, which is in line with the principle of proportional representation.

Satish Jarkiholi

What is the government of Karnataka doing about it?

It is unfortunate that the State government's initiative of raising SC and ST quotas were challenged in court. We urge the Union government to include the increased quantum of reservation in the 9th Schedule. The Karnataka government has already written twice in the past on this. But those appeals have been ignored. I urge the Union government to act on this matter swiftly. It will be similar to the measures taken in the case of Tamil Nadu.

What about horizontal reservation?

I am aligned with the idea of horizontal reservation that ensures internal reservation in all categories – SC/ ST and OBC, women and other groups – by creating well-defined sub quotas. However, such measures need to be taken after taking all the States and other stakeholders into confidence. No such initiative should cause injustice to underrepresented communities.

Assembly Speaker U.T. Khader felicitates newly-elected Congress MLAs Samarth Shamanur Mallikarjun from Davanagere South and Umesh Hullappa Meti from Bagalkot, after administering oath to them at the Vidhana Soudha, in Bengaluru on Thursday. ALLEN EGENUSE J.

Samarth, Meti take oath as MLAs

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Congress leaders Samarth Shamanur and Umesh Meti on Thursday took oath as members of the Legislative Assembly. Speaker U.T. Khader administered the oath in the presence of party leaders and family members of both MLAs.

Mr Samarth won the byelection from the Davanagere South Constituency, while Mr. Meti was elected from Bagalkot following the demise of his father, H.Y. Meti, who had represented the constituency.

The byelections to both constituencies were held on April 9, and the results were declared on May 4.

25 foreign nationals held for fraudulent voting in T.N. polls

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CHENNAI

About 25 foreign nationals have been arrested or detained so far for allegedly casting votes with fraudulently obtained identity documents in the recent Tamil Nadu Assembly election, police sources confirmed on Thursday.

The accused persons, carrying foreign passports, were intercepted by officials of the Bureau of Immigration and detained by the local police after indelible ink (the mark of a cast ballot) was found on their index fingers. The operation that started about a week ago is continuing.

Legal proceedings under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, the Representation of the People Act, 1950, and other laws were initiated against them. Investigators said a majority of the suspects were Sri Lankan nationals, though the group included British and Canadian citizens. Many more foreign nationals who arrived during the election time could have exercised their franchise and stayed back, knowing that the police were verifying their credentials during departure at airports. Acting on intelligence that some foreigners were attempting to leave the country after voting, the law enforcement agencies alerted officials at the Chennai, Madurai, and other airports.

"We conducted discreet inquiries and alerted the authorities who detained 25 to 30 persons as they prepared to board flights," a senior official told *The Hindu* on Thursday. A man of Indian origin, who obtained a British passport in 2015, allegedly voted in the Pattukottai Assembly constituency. He was detained at the Chennai International Airport while attempting to board a flight to London.

The investigation revealed that several of the foreigners arrived in the State shortly after the election was notified. Some might have stayed back for the indelible ink to disappear. Digital records and other investigative means could still verify their participation in the election, said an official who did not want to be quoted.

Most of the detentions occurred in Chennai, though two foreign nationals were identified as having voted in the Union Territory of Puducherry.

Asked about the potential impact on the election result, the official declined to comment and said a comprehensive report had been submitted to the Election Commission of India (ECI)

In 2025, immigration officials requested the ECI to remove approximately 100 names of foreigners of Indian origin from the electoral rolls. "This year too, the names of 60 foreigners were removed from the rolls. All these persons had foreign citizenship and fraudulent address claims for voting rights in India," said an official coordinating with the ECI.

Satheesan holds out an olive branch to other contenders

Kerala CM-designate calls Chennithala 'his leader and close friend'; praises Venugopal's 'immense contribution to UDF's historic win'; some groups say high command gave in to IUML's pressure

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Powerplay: (left to right) Congress leaders V.D. Satheesan, Ramesh Chennithala, K.C. Venugopal. ANI

Congress's Chief Minister-designate for Kerala V.D. Satheesan appeared to extend an olive branch to the All India Congress Committee (AICC) general secretary K.C. Venugopal, MP, and senior leader and MLA-elect Ramesh Chennithala, who were in the reckoning for the top post since the announcement of the election results on May 4.

Mr. Satheesan termed Mr. Chennithala, who was the United Democratic Front's (UDF) campaign committee chairperson, as "his leader, close friend and beloved party compatriot". He also appeared to place on record Mr. Venugopal's "immense contribution to the UDF's historic win".

Mr. Satheesan attributed the 10-day period of uncertainty that plagued Congress's Chief Minister selection process to the "galaxy of leaders immensely qualified for the post".

'No loss of face'

"Other governing parties have taken more time to form the government. There is no loss of face for the Congress, as alleged by those lacking a sense of history. Choosing the Chief Minister designate was a laborious and crucial task for the high command," he added. Mr. Sathesan said the UDF would fast-track the formation of the government and that he "dedicated" his post to "the people of Kerala" and promised the State a "new era" of progress and development.

Mr. Satheesan also singled out the Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) State president Panakkad Syed Sadikali Shihab Thangal, IUML's national general secretary P.K. Kunhalikutty and Kerala Congress leader P.J. Joseph for their "unflinching support".

New factional battle

Simultaneously, new factional battle lines seemed to emerge in the Congress in Kerala as Mr. Chennithala did not attend the Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP) meeting at the Kerala Legislative Assembly complex later in the day.

Mr. Chennithala's 'loyalist' and MLA-designate Jyothikumar Chamakala told presspersons in Thiruvananthapuram that the leader was not at home. He demurred when asked whether Mr. Chennithala would attend the CPP meeting or join the United Democratic Front (UDF) Cabinet. Mr. Chamakala was with Mr. Chennithala, along with MLAs-elect Anwar Sadat and T.J. Vinod, when the All India Congress Committee (AICC)'s announcement nominating Mr. Satheesan as Chief Minister broke on television news channels.

General secretary of the Nair Service Society G. Sukumaran Nair slammed the Congress high command for 'capitulating' to the IUML by choosing Mr. Satheesan as the Chief Minister candidate.

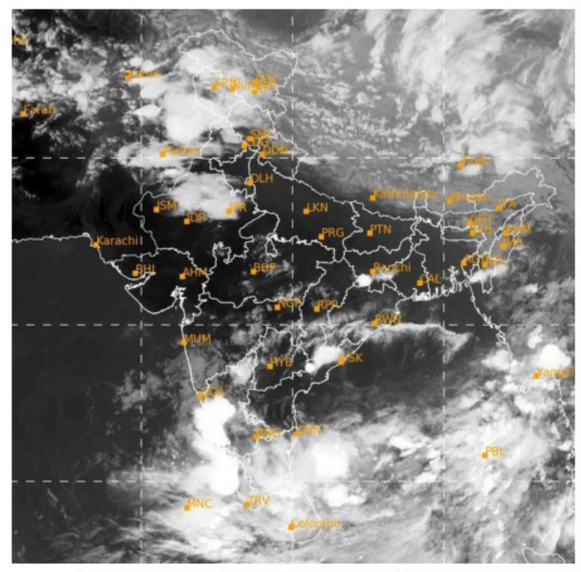
"The high command broke convention and murdered democracy by overlooking the opinion of MLAs-elect and also the seniority of Mr. Chennithala. Its capitulation to the IUML is pathetic," he said.

SNDP Yogam general secretary Vellappally Natesan said Mr. Chennithala, given his seniority and experience, had expected the high command to elevate him to the post of Chief Minister.

Meanwhile, Congress leader and Mr. Venugopal's 'loyalist' Pazhakulam Madhu told presspersons that the Mr. Venugopal was the victim of a character assassination campaign, and "manufactured public opinion" might have informed the high command's decision.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.15 HRS)

Forecast for Friday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, Sikkim, West Bengal, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Heat wave conditions likely at isolated places over Saurashtra & Kutch, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Vidarbha and Konkan & Goa

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	7	33.5	23.4	Kozhikode	0.5	36.3	28.2
Ahmedabad	—	43.7	29.3	Kurnool	—	42.4	20.3
Aizawl	—	32.5	20.0	Lucknow	—	37.3	24.2
Allahabad	—	42.5	24.5	Madurai	—	35.0	26.5
Bengaluru	—	34.0	23.6	Mangaluru	—	34.2	26.4
Bhopal	—	43.4	28.9	Mumbai	—	34.1	28.0
Bhubaneswar	—	37.3	22.4	Mysuru	—	35.4	22.2
Chandigarh	7	37.4	19.8	New Delhi	2	40.6	23.4
Chennai	—	36.0	28.2	Patna	—	33.6	23.2
Coimbatore	—	35.4	23.6	Port Blair	15	31.3	25.2
Dehradun	—	34.6	20.8	Puducherry	—	33.3	27.6
Gangtok	45	20.0	14.5	Pune	—	41.3	27.2
Goa	—	36.2	28.5	Raipur	—	41.5	25.9
Guwahati	3	33.0	22.3	Ranchi	46	34.5	19.0
Hubballi	—	37.0	25.0	Shillong	4	22.6	14.0
Hyderabad	—	38.7	28.2	Shimla	—	30.0	15.5
Imphal	—	30.5	25.5	Srinagar	0.3	22.8	8.6
Jaipur	—	42.0	27.4	Thiruvananthapuram	0.8	32.8	27.2
Kochi	2	32.4	27.6	Tiruchi	—	33.7	28.0
Kohima	—	23.0	16.0	Vijayawada	—	37.4	28.5
Kolkata	—	36.4	27.0	Visakhapatnam	—	33.5	28.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.57	..95	22	 72	...152	.....
Bengaluru	...5	..20	43	... 139	...150	.....
Chennai	...6	..13	54	 99	73	.....
Delhi	.44	..43	39	... 104	...202	.....
Hyderabad	...2	8	12	... 138	...141	.....
Kolkata	.24	..26	34	 49	60	.....
Lucknow	...9	..40	44	... 141	...120	.....
Mumbai	...3	..19	98	 17	55	.....
Pune	..—	..56	87	 40	77	.....
Visakhapatnam	..—	..—	11	..... —	.....—	.....

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Bikaner, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 291 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Aizawl, Mizoram recorded a healthy AQI score of 26

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

37 workers from Odisha rescued in Karnataka

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

The Vijayanagara district administration has rescued 37 workers from Odisha who were working in conditions akin to bonded labour at Nandibandi village in Mariyammanahalli hobli of the district.

The rescue operation was carried out on Tuesday following credible information provided by a Belagavi-based NGO, Spandana.

Acting under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Kavitha S. Mannikeri, a team led by Assistant Commissioner Vivekananda raided the premises at Nandibandi village and rescued the workers.

No basic facilities

Officials said that they rescued 10 children, 11 women and 16 men, all belonging to Balangir and Nabarangpur districts of Odisha. They were living in cramped four-foot-wide makeshift houses without even basic facilities, they said.

According to statement given by the workers, they were brought from Odisha about six months ago after being paid an advance of ₹40,000 each. They said that they were initially promised employment for six months with wages based on the work performed.

However, despite working throughout the week under strenuous conditions, entire families were paid only ₹500 per week. When the workers reportedly expressed their desire to return home after the completion of the agreed period, they were threatened and told that they cannot leave as they took advance money.

SC Bench concludes Sabarimala reference hearing

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday said courts cannot give up their duty to judicially review religious practices to examine if they violate fundamental liberties, though the primary obligation to usher in reform and ensure social welfare lay with the legislature.

Appearing before a nine-judge Bench headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant in the Sabarimala review hearing, *amicus curiae* senior advocate K. Parameshwar, said the judiciary could neither remain a passive observer nor an overzealous reformer.

"Constitutional courts cannot give up their responsibility. It is not a question of power. It is the duty of a constitutional court," the Chief Justice observed.

Reserves for judgment

The court reserved the case for judgment after 16 days of marathon hearing.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಗೃಹ ಮಂಡಳಿ
3, 4ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ಕಾವೇರಿ ಭವನ, ಕೆ.ಜಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–560 009.
Karnataka Housing Board Building communities

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಕಗೃಮಂ/ಕಾ/ಹಂಚಿಕೆ/ಸೂರ್ಯನಗರ4ನೇ ಹಂತ/2026–27 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 14–05–2026

ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಗೃಹ ಮಂಡಳಿಯ ವತಿಯಿಂದ **ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಆನೇಕಲ್ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಕಾಡುಜಕ್ಕನಹಳ್ಳಿ, ಇಂಡ್ಲವಾಡಿ, ಬಗ್ಗನದೊಡ್ಡಿ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳ** ವಿವಿಧ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂಬರ್ ಜಮೀನುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ಸೂರ್ಯನಗರ 4ನೇ ಹಂತ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯ ಮಧ್ಯಂತರ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಲಾಟರಿ ಮೂಲಕ ಹಂಚಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಲು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿಯನ್ನು ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಪರಿಷ್ಕೃತ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅರ್ಹ/ಅನರ್ಹ ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರ ಪಟ್ಟಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ಥಳ	ಇ–ಲಾಟರಿ ನಡೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ಥಳ	ಮಂಡಳಿಯ ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತ ದರ ಪ್ರತಿ ಚ.ಅ ಗೆ (ರೂ. ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)
ದಿನಾಂಕ: 16–05–2026 ಸ್ಥಳ: 1) ಸೂರ್ಯನಗರ 4ನೇ ಹಂತ ಯೋಜನಾ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಜಿಗಣಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು – 560105. 2) ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಕಚೇರಿ, ಕಾವೇರಿ ಭವನ, ಕೆ.ಜಿ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು – 09. 3) ಮಂಡಳಿಯ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್: https://www.khb.karnataka.gov.in	ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23–05–2026 ಸ್ಥಳ: ಸೂರ್ಯನಗರ 4ನೇ ಹಂತ ಬಡಾವಣೆ, ಇಂಡ್ಲವಾಡಿ ಗ್ರಾಮ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು – 560105.	EWS - 1,425/- LIG - 2,850/- MIG - 2,900/- HIG-I - 2,950/- HIG-II - 2,975/-

ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23–05–2026 ರಂದು ಸೂರ್ಯನಗರ 4ನೇ ಹಂತ ಬಡಾವಣೆ, ಇಂಡ್ಲವಾಡಿ ಗ್ರಾಮ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–560105, ಇಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯುವ ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ರವರ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದ ಸ್ಥಳದಲ್ಲಿ ಇ–ಲಾಟರಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ನಡೆಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಪರಿಷ್ಕೃತ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅರ್ಹ/ಅನರ್ಹ ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರ ಪಟ್ಟಿಯನ್ನು ಮಂಡಳಿಯ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ https://www.khb.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ **ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು ಮತ್ತು ಸಹಾಯಕ ಕಂದಾಯ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಗೃಹ ಮಂಡಳಿ, ಸೂರ್ಯನಗರ 4ನೇ ಹಂತ,** ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ವಿವೇಕಾನಂದ ಯೋಗ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ ರಸ್ತೆ, ನಂ.52, ಬಿ.ಎಸ್.ಆರ್. ಲೇಔಟ್, ಕೋನಸಂದ್ರ, ಜಿಗಣಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–560105 ಇವರನ್ನು ಖುದ್ದಾಗಿ ಅಥವಾ ಮೊಬೈಲ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: **9845139612, 9448214736, 7892908417, 9513801127** ಹಾಗೂ **ಕಂದಾಯ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಹಂಚಿಕೆ ಶಾಖೆ,** ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಕಾವೇರಿ ಭವನ, ಕೆ.ಜಿ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–9 ಇವರನ್ನು ಖುದ್ದಾಗಿ ಅಥವಾ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: **080-22273511 Extn 306, 309** ರಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/–
ಗೃಹ ಆಯುಕ್ತರು
ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಗೃಹ ಮಂಡಳಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು

ವಾಸಾಸಂ೪/ದಾಪ್ರ/675/ಎಂಎಎ/2026–27

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE LXXII ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-73)
O S No: 26030/2019

BETWEEN: Sri. CHINNASWAMY SUNDER RAJU, A/a 62 years, S/o Late Chinnaswamy Raju, R/a 294, 16th Cross, Sadashivanagar, Bangalore-80 Rep by his SPA Holder Sri. Kaushik Raju ..Plaintiff

AND: Sri. V KANNAIH RAJU & Ors ..Defendants

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DEFENDANT No.2: Smt. PUNYAVATHI, W/o Jayaram Raju, A/a 54 years, R/3 No.166, Kuppuraju Campus, Near PWD Tank, 1 Main Road, Anand Nagar, Hebbal, Bangalore-560024

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a suit under Order VII Rule 1 and 2 Civil Procedure Code praying the Hon'ble Court to pass an Order of Permanent Injunction restraining the Defendants jointly or severally from carrying of construction in the Schedule Property, an order of mandatory injunction to demolish the structure put up by the Defendants in the Schedule Property, a decree declaring the Plaintiff as a absolute owner of the Suit Schedule Property, Declaring the alleged Power of Attorney, Sale Deed, Gift Deed and Gift Deed executed between the Defendants are not binding on the Plaintiff and any other order this Hon'ble Court deems fit in the light of current circumstances in the interest of justice and equity. You are hereby called upon to appear before the Hon'ble LXXII Additional City Civil And Sessions Judge Bangalore (CCH-73) either in person or by pleader, duly instructed, on 17th day of June 2026 at 11:00 AM and to show cause against the Plaintiff, failing which it will be heard and determined in your absence.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property bearing Site No.39 formed out of Survey No.22, situated at Gangenahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently at 1st Main Road, Gangenahalli, Bangalore within the limits BBMP vide PID No. 98-44-39, measuring East to 46+13/2 feet and North to South 60 feet, in all total to 1770 Sq. and bounded on: EAST BY : Site No.42, WEST BY : Road, NORTH BY : Site No.38, SOUTH BY : Road

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 27/04/2026.

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City Civil Court Mayo Hall Unit Bengaluru.

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CHANGE OF NAME

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I, Hitherto Known As Sheetal Duming Lobo Alias Sheetal Lobo Alias Sheetal Yesudas Budigi D/o Duming Lazarus Lobo & W/o Yesudas Budigi Residing At 9573, Mangal Oni, Karwar Road, Vtc- Hubli, PO-Hubli Traffic Island, District-dharwad, Karnataka, PIN Code - 580029 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sheetal Yesudas Budigi.

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BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through Kppp.karnataka.gov.in portal only)
(Two Cover System : Section-1-Technical Bid and Section-2-Financial Bid)
Short Term Tender Notification No 09/2026-27 Dated : 12-05-2026

Item rate tenders are invited through Kppp.karnataka.gov.in portal only on behalf of Governor of Karnataka from Eligible registered civil Contractor in KPWD in Standard Bid document **KW-4** form The Total no of works is 4, **H/A : 5054-80-190-0-01-132 KRDCL Works** Minimum estimated cost is Rs. 250.00 lakhs, maximum estimated cost is Rs. 500.00 lakhs, Further changes in this Notification will be published in Kppp.karnataka.gov.in Only. Date of events as follows:

1	Date and Time for downloading the tender document from the Kppp.karnataka.gov.in portal	From 13-05-2026 to 26-05-2026 upto 16.00 Hrs.
2	Pre-Bid Meeting Date	18-05-2026 in Division Office Meeting Hall at 11.00 AM
3	Downloading the tender document from the Last Date and Time	26-05-2026 upto 16.00 Hrs.
4	Date & Time for opening of Technical bid	27-05-2026 upto 16.30 Hrs.
5	Date & Time for opening of Financial bid	03-06-2026 Morning 11.00 am

More information can be had from the web site : **https ://www.Kppp.karnataka.gov.in** & Any other details required can be obtained from office of the under signed during office hours.

No. : DIPR:CHANAGAR:107:2026-27

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Chamarajanagar.

Government of Karnataka
Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Bagalkot
Tel Phone.: 08354- 235042 E-mail ID: bgkeezpe@yahoo.com Fax: 08354-235043

No: EE/PRED/BGK/PB-2,3/CMIDP/Tender/2026-27/292 **Date: 14.05.2026**

SHORT TENDER NOTIFICATION (One & Two Cover System)
(KW-1,2 &3 Bid Document)

Tender Called for the Work in the above notification through E-mode tendering is read as below.

Item rate Tender under two cover bid system is invited as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement ACT 1999 and Rules 2000 STANDARD BID DOCUMENT KW-1,2,3&4 through Public electronic Tendering System (E-Tender from Class-1,2,3 contractor (Civil) registered in KPWD, Who have got adequate financial resources, -State of Technology, Suitable Construction equipments technical man Power & Sufficient past Experience for the following Work as per Schedule Given Below.Tender Called for ಸನ್ 2025–26ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ವಿವಿಧ ಲೆಕ್ಕಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆಗಳಡಿ ಮಂಜೂರಾದ ಅನುದಾನದ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಯ್ಕೆಯಾದ ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ, ಜಮಖಂಡಿ, ಬೀಳಗಿ, ಹುನಗುಂದ ಹಾಗೂ ತೇರದಾಳ ವಿಧಾನಸಭಾ ಮತಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಸೇತುವೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ

Scheme Under Work Indent No:
ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ: 23746, 25527, 24910, 25559, 25552, 25563, 25561, 25495, 25506, 25360, 26302, 24119/CALL-2, 22138/CALL-4, 22156/CALL-4 24948/CALL-2, 22521/CALL-3
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ–2 (ಎ) ವರ್ಗದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಯ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 25581, 25508, 25361
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ–I ವರ್ಗದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಯ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 25636,
ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ ವರ್ಗದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಯ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 25557, 25554, 25568, 25585, 25507
ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡ ವರ್ಗದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಯ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 23745
ಇದ್ದು, ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ವಿವರ, ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ, ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ಅರ್ಹತೆ ವಿವರ, ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.10.00 ದಿಂದ **95.00** ಲಕ್ಷಗಳ ಮಿತಿಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟು), ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅರ್ಜಿಯ ಬೆಲೆ ಮತ್ತು ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ ಎಲ್ಲ ವಿವರಗಳು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಇದ್ದಂತೆ. **read as below.**

Calendar of event

1	Request of blank Tender Documents and receipt of Completed Technical & Financial Bid through e-procurement	**Dt:15.05.2026 to 03.06.2026 at 5.30pm**
2	Opening of Technical Bid Date (ದ್ವಿ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಅನ್ವಯಿಸುತ್ತದೆ.)	**Dt:15.05.2026 at 11.00 am**
3	Opening of Financial Bid Date	**Technical Bid Approved.**

Note:-More details can be obtained through website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact the below signed Office during the office hours. **Phone no: 08354-235042**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division, Bagalkote

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Bursting at the seams

The current rise in inflation is not transient, but systemic

India's April retail inflation, at a 13-month high of 3.48%, is only marginally higher than its March print of 3.4%, and continues to remain deceptively benign. Wholesale inflation has more than doubled to 8.3% in April from 3.88% in March – a 42-month high – signalling that substantial upstream price pressures are still working their way through the economy. Unsurprisingly, the spike in the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) has been led by soaring fuel and power prices, which rose 24.71%, while petroleum and natural gas prices surged 67.2%. This clearly indicates that the full impact of rising energy costs has not yet been passed on to end-consumers. However, such a pass-through now appears imminent. Union Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri recently indicated that the Centre may have little choice but to raise retail petrol and diesel prices, with public sector oil marketing companies reportedly absorbing "under-recoveries" of nearly ₹30,000 crore a month since the U.S.-Israeli war with Iran began. Any increase in retail fuel prices will have economy-wide implications.

April retail inflation has already been driven chiefly by food, with the Consumer Food Price Index rising to 4.2% from 3.87% in March. Predictably, restaurants and accommodation services witnessed among the sharper increases, reflecting the cascading effect of rising commercial LPG prices. The price of the widely used 19.2 kg commercial LPG cylinder has risen by roughly ₹850-₹1,000 over revisions since the conflict began, while the 5 kg canister has reportedly seen increases of over ₹200 in several markets. The canister is extensively used by migrant wage labour across the country, directly feeding into food basket costs and potentially dampening consumption demand. This comes even as Prime Minister Narendra Modi has appealed to people to refrain from "extravagant spending on weddings and travel abroad" and to cut back on buying precious metals for a year. Consequently, the Centre doubled import duties on gold and silver in an attempt to discourage safe-haven investments and ease pressure on the rupee, which has depreciated by nearly 8.5% against the U.S. dollar in the past two-and-a-half months since the conflict began. For context, the rupee had depreciated by roughly 2%-3% annually on average over the previous five fiscal years. The current slide is therefore exceptionally sharp. It is increasingly evident that retail inflation is bursting at the seams and will likely find fuller expression in the months ahead. The sharp divergence between the Consumer Price Index and WPI suggests that producers are still absorbing a significant share of rising costs, a situation that is unlikely to remain sustainable. This leaves the Reserve Bank of India with limited room but to eventually tighten monetary policy in order to keep inflation within its tolerance band of 2%-6%. What is unfolding is not merely transient inflation driven by commodity volatility, but also broader systemic inflationary pressure, with limited manoeuvring space for both the government and the central bank.

Cooling doctrine

Access to safe indoor temperatures must be a public-health entitlement

Over the past decade, India's response to extreme heat has settled into a familiar choreography. Summer comes and the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) regurgitates its tally of rising preparedness. The 16th Finance Commission has gone further, recommending that heatwaves be notified as a national disaster – a designation that would unbolt the door to dedicated central funding. But the heat action plan, as currently conceived, has reached the limits of what it can do. Even the NDMA concedes that the quality of these plans is uneven – several are imitations of plans drafted elsewhere. Where implementation happens at all, it leans heavily on short-term palliatives such as water kiosks, public advisories, and shaded waiting areas at bus stops. While these measures save lives at the margins, they do not alter the underlying exposure of the tens of millions of Indians who work, commute and sleep in conditions that are becoming, in the most clinical sense of the word, biologically untenable.

What India needs is something larger and more ambitious – a national cooling doctrine; a scalable framework that treats sustained access to safe indoor temperatures as a public-health entitlement to be guaranteed. The doctrine must begin where the harm is most acute: mandatory minimum cooling standards for indoor workplaces – factories, warehouses, commercial kitchens, call centres, delivery hubs – backed by an honest and fair inspection regime. Technology will have to do the heavy lifting by deploying passive cooling materials, reflective roofing deployed at scale, district cooling systems for dense urban zones, and cheaper, more efficient air conditioning calibrated for the peculiarities of Indian grids. But the problem cannot be solved by importing solutions designed for the temperate, wealthy economies of the global North. India's heat is wetter, longer and more humid than the dry European summers that produced much of the existing cooling literature. Most Indians cannot afford the energy bills that western-style mechanical cooling implicitly assumes, as the grid in India, even on its best days, can supply at most 60% of its installed capacity. There is no quick fix on offer but to keep printing heat action plans while indoor temperatures climb is no longer a serious answer – it is theatre.

The Iran war, India's strategic autonomy challenges

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United States President Donald Trump's tariff wars against friend and foe over the last year now pale in comparison to the upheaval created by the unprecedented Israeli-American attack on Iran and counterstrikes. For decades, India's stakes in a stable and friendly Tehran have been huge for energy security, geopolitical advantage, and space for strategic autonomy. If the Ukraine war tested India's foreign policy agility and independence, the Iran war is a generational challenge. The slew of economic and defence deals that India signed with European countries recently was popularly seen as a signal of major geoeconomic and geopolitical shift in India's favour. In this new West Asian war scenario, it is already clear that deals with France and the European Union (EU) hardly give India a stronger hand.

Strategic autonomy is difficult

The 114 Rafale fighter jet purchase from France and the India-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) pointed to historic achievements. These surprisingly quick denouements (after 20 years of slow negotiations on the FTA and extended talks on the Rafales since 2016) were mostly rearguard actions against Mr. Trump's punishing tariffs. But New Delhi and some European countries such as France seemed to believe they were important steps toward a more distributed multipolar world order against American unilateralism. Washington's disregard for potentially catastrophic effects from the attack on Iran on global commerce and security are showing that U.S. unipolarity is holding fast.

Until Mr. Trump's coercive tariffs, New Delhi did not have to worry much about independence in economic policymaking. That is because unlike the post war American-led military order with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and Asian formal treaty alliances, Washington's liberal economic order tended to be open and inclusive, driven largely by market forces. The double whammy of economic and military unilateralism will now make it more difficult for countries such as India to exercise strategic autonomy.

President Trump is changing the economic system in ways that mirror the exclusivist military system. The U.S. government is increasingly demanding a greater alignment of the economic policies of other countries with American strategic interests. This is a fundamental break from the earlier practice and it threatens the entire post-Second World War liberal economic order. New Delhi has been able to pick and choose close economic tie-ups with the U.S. while, at the same time, keeping its distance from alliance politics. That had not stopped the U.S. from nurturing commercial ties with India in a big way since 2000. Indeed, the U.S. overtook China as India's largest trading partner in 2021-22. But note that China was at the top of India's economic partners even as U.S.-China relations were sharply declining. All this is to say that until very recently, economic and strategic relations could co-exist along competing trajectories.

Despite the defence, commerce and trade deals, India needs to be aware of a possible European alignment with the United States

For India and the U.S., a convergence of interests about a rising China had brought their relations to a level that appeared irreversible. Even as this meeting of the minds occurred, India's diversification of big power partnerships remained intact. India's ability to maintain good relations simultaneously with the U.S., Russia, China, Iran, Israel, Vietnam, and the major European powers – without taking strong sides, even under duress – is the clearest expression and exercise of strategic autonomy.

Mr. Trump's arbitrary demands to discontinue crude oil imports from Russia, forego the strategic partnership with Iran on Chabahar port, desist from even considering a de-dollarise option in BRICS, and clearly align with American geoeconomic and geopolitical interests, pose the biggest challenge to India's strategic autonomy in decades. America's 30-day waiver for Russian oil purchases owing to energy supply chain disruptions came as a brief reprieve for India, yet on terms set by Washington. It was more than just an embarrassment for India when a U.S. submarine sank an Iranian naval ship (*IRIS Dena*) in the Indian Ocean that was returning from the Indian Navy's International Fleet Review 2026 naval exercise on March 4. India's image as the key regional naval power took a big hit.

Deals with Europe have not eliminated risks

India's FTA with the EU and historic Rafale fight jet deal with France are two developments that many interpreted as India trying to manage the new autonomy dilemma created by Mr. Trump. New Delhi chose French fighter jets over Russian and American jets with the hope that it would finally get the technology transfer and domestic production it has long sought. India is growing, and so is its military; it will keep buying, and France is locking itself into a huge commercial deal.

For India, while the spending is extremely high, it will not get a better deal with the U.S.; and it will not get a better performing fighter jet from Russia. In this geopolitical climate, this deal helps both India and France as they want to diversify partners and protect their strategic autonomy. But there is some doubt about just how much tech is being transferred and the fact that source codes and algorithms will be under French control. This means that India will be wedded to the French for upgrades. This also could undercut India's 'Make in India' aspiration.

As for the FTA, we could see this in the context of Mr. Trump's economic assaults and a rushed attempt to save the idea of a liberal economic world order. But there are domestic political hurdles in India to overcome, from farmers and industrial workers who are a big electoral chunk. Moreover, France and the EU might be using commerce and trade now as a way to gain leverage over India. De-risking from Mr. Trump's uncertainties through the FTA has obviously not eliminated political or economic risks.

America's long shadow

What seems the flimsiest basis for strengthening strategic autonomy is the novel idea of a common perception of a new world order. Geopolitically speaking, India is much more in favour of global multipolarity than western countries. Europe (less France) tends to fall into line with the U.S. under pressure. At this particular moment of Mr. Trump's high-handedness with Europe, it is not surprising that Europe is turning to countries such as India. But historically they have followed the American lead.

U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio's speech at the Munich Security Conference in February 2026 made it clear that Europe and America belong together, casting it in common civilisational and identity terms which leaves the Global South out in the cold. He minced no words, openly whitewashing western colonial expansion and calling for a "western supply chain" to regain its position. This suggests that a new geoeconomic alliance system of this sort would be hierarchical. The Global South seems to be less partners, more targets of competition. The standing ovation for Mr. Rubio from a supposedly critical European audience spoke volumes.

In this era of culture contests and tribalism, it is hard to see a natural affinity between Europe and India when the going gets tough. As the world remains shell shocked by the Iran war, it is clear that European states will effectively facilitate American and Israeli interests despite the display of reservations by pronouncements such as "not our war" on the West Asian conflict. In any new regional order that emerges, it is also clear that New Delhi will hardly be able to count on the Europeans for Indian strategic autonomy purposes.

Building a preventive health culture in India

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India has made remarkable strides in health care over the past four decades. It has built institutions of global repute, trained exceptional clinicians, and expanded access to advanced treatments. Yet, even as it celebrates these achievements, it must confront a deeper truth: it has built a system that responds to illness far more effectively than it preserves health.

For too long, health has been viewed as something to recover after it is lost, rather than something to protect every day.

After four decades of building the institutions of modern medicine in India, I have come to understand that the greatest threat to our national health is not the disease we have failed to cure. It is the disease that we have failed to prevent.

We, as a civilisation, have confused the treatment of illness with the pursuit of health. These are not the same endeavour. One begins when something is already broken. The other is an act of continuous, deliberate care for oneself, for one's family, for the generations that will inherit the consequences of choices made today. India has built a world-class capacity to heal. It must now build the culture and the will to protect.

A civilisational reckoning

Non-communicable diseases – heart attack, strokes, cancer, diabetes, and infectious diseases – are now the leading cause of death in India, surpassing infectious illnesses. Approximately 270 million Indians live with chronic disease today, the majority unaware of their condition until the body has already begun to fail. This is not a medical statistic. It is a measure of a society that must learn to listen to itself.

The country's economic and social progress depends on citizen health and longevity

The economic consequences for a young democracy can be severe and compounding. Preventable illness diminishes the contribution of individuals who might otherwise have given their best years not to illness but to their work, their children, and their country. A nation cannot reach its highest potential while its people are quietly losing ground to conditions that need not have taken hold.

The window for action

Insights from large-scale health assessments, including Apollo Hospitals Health of the Nation Report 2026, point to a critical window in early adulthood. The decade between 30 years and 40 years of age is emerging as a turning point. It is during these years when individuals are most engaged in building careers and supporting families that early metabolic and cardiovascular risks begin to take hold.

By the age of 40, a significant proportion of individuals are no longer disease-free. The concern is not only the presence of disease but also the absence of awareness. Most people do not seek care because they do not feel unwell. By the time symptoms appear, the opportunity for early reversal is often lost.

And yet, there is reason for optimism. The human body is remarkably resilient when intervention is timely. Early detection, lifestyle correction, and sustained monitoring can prevent, delay, or even reverse many of these conditions. The window exists – but it does not remain open indefinitely.

This is why India must now embrace a new paradigm: one of self-stewardship.

Push for transformation

Prevention is not a programme. It is not a policy intervention or a campaign to be launched and forgotten. It is a philosophy – one that asks each of us to understand that the stewardship of our own health is among the most consequential duties we carry. Not only for ourselves, but for everyone who depends upon us, and for a nation whose extraordinary promise rests entirely upon the vitality of its people.

India has the knowledge and the infrastructure. What remains is the transformation of habit – a culture of early action, of routine checks, of health understood not as the absence of disease but as the active, daily commitment to life.

The legacy a nation leaves is measured in the health and the hope it passes forward. The ambitions we hold for India – economic, social, and global – rest on the strength, vitality, and longevity of its citizens.

That reckoning can begin not in a hospital but in the choices that homes and families make before one is ever needed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kerala CM selection

Ultimately, the All India Congress Committee has succeeded in selecting the most suitable leader for the post of Chief Minister of Kerala. V.D. Satheesan had already served effectively as the Leader of the Opposition during the previous regime, gaining valuable administrative and political experience.

Moreover, in the recently concluded Assembly elections, the Congress-led UDF secured a resounding victory under his leadership, clearly reflecting the confidence reposed in him by both the party and the people.

At the same time, it would not be appropriate for leaders to aspire to the highest office merely on the basis of their position as Members of Parliament or their proximity to the Congress high command. Leadership opportunities should also be extended to those who demonstrate the capability, vision, and intellect required to govern the State effectively.

Basavaraj N. Akki,
Dharwad, Karnataka

Message and reaction

While the intention behind the Prime Minister's recent appeal urging citizens to conserve fuel and avoid ostentation and luxury is commendable, it has inadvertently triggered panic among some sections of the public, leading to large-scale stockpiling of petrol and diesel. Such behaviour not only disrupts the supply chain but also creates unnecessary fear and instability in the market.

Panic-driven demand and hoarding can quickly turn a manageable situation into a real and widespread shortage, despite the availability of adequate reserves. In this context, the media must spread awareness about the actual fuel situation and inform citizens about what they can do. A well-informed citizenry can help prevent hoarding, ensure equitable distribution, and maintain calm.

Anushk Singh,
Raipur, Chhattisgarh

Floor test and governance

That Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay and the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam-led alliance won the floor test after days of hectic political activity is welcome. One cannot deny the significant role played by social media in the phenomenal success of the actor-turned-politician's party within a short span of time. On the flip side, social media algorithms tend to polarise people towards extreme viewpoints.

In sharp contrast, news reports in the conventional print media often reflect ground realities more accurately. The balanced mindset of a large section of Tamil Nadu's voters is evident from the fact that quite a few did not support the TVK in the election. In this context, Mr. Vijay, as the elected Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, has a duty and responsibility to encourage regular engagement with print media among the people he has now politically mobilised. In addition, he should pay attention to prominent voices in the conventional print media. Such a move would help young parties such as the TVK broaden their outreach among a wider section of voters.

A. Venkatasubramanian,
Tiruchi, Tamil Nadu

A certain set of images

The article, "When grief has a face" (Open Page, May 10), was moving. Several photographs have captured the raw emotion, tragedy, and chaos of India's darkest moments, serving as enduring and unfiltered records of history. When one thinks of tragic images etched in public memory, photographs by the legendary photojournalist, Raghu Rai, instantly come to mind. His photographs following the 1984 Bhopal gas tragedy remain among the most haunting depictions of the disaster. Similarly, his cover photograph after Indira Gandhi's assassination is still regarded as one of India's most memorable images of grief.

R. Sivakumar,
Chennai

Corrections & Clarifications

A report, "CBI arrests five, conducts raids across India in NEET leak case" (Front Page, May 14), referred to "three brothers — Mangilal Biwal, Vikas Biwal, and Dinesh Biwal". However, Dinesh and Mangilal are brothers, while Vikas is Mangilal's son.

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Is this the end of the road for the INDIA bloc?

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PARLEY

Following the recent electoral setbacks of two of the largest constituents of the INDIA bloc, the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) and the Trinamool Congress, there is renewed debate over the future of Opposition politics in India. Do these developments signal the end of the road for the INDIA bloc, or are they part of a longer, structural shift in Indian politics? Professor K.K. Kailash and Yashwant Deshmukh discuss the question in a conversation moderated by **Sobhana K. Nair**. Edited excerpts:

Despite India's vast diversity in terms of religion, language, and caste, nearly 80% of States are now ruled by the BJP, while the Congress governs only a handful of them. Are we moving from a multipolar political landscape to a more bipolar one?

Yashwant Deshmukh: Rather than counting how many States the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) rules, the more important question is who the BJP's principal opponent is in those States. In almost all major States, it is not the Congress but regional parties that pose the main challenge: the Trinamool Congress in West Bengal, the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) in Bihar, the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) in Jharkhand, the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) in Odisha, and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in Delhi, Punjab and even Gujarat. Bipolarity exists in most States, but it is not necessarily BJP versus Congress. Bipolar contests have existed for decades; we have seen anti-Congress fronts in the past, just as we now see an anti-BJP front. The form changes, but the phenomenon is not new.

K.K Kailash: The nature of the first-past-the-post electoral system incentivises parties to position themselves as one of two main contenders. At the State level, different combinations emerge, and when aggregated nationally, this creates a multiparty system. To defeat a dominant party, alliances form to prevent vote splitting. India's diversity has not diminished; what has changed is which party is seen as representing it. In several cases, this has involved changes in party labels rather than voter bases, as seen in Arunachal Pradesh in 2016 when legislators shifted to the BJP. What appears to be bipolarity at the national level conceals a far more complex State-level reality.

Even with 240 seats, well short of a majority, and at the head of a coalition government, the BJP appears to be pursuing a strong, centralised governing model. Does this suggest that the era of coalition-driven governance is effectively over?

Sharp rift: Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and DMK president M.K. Stalin at a meeting in Coimbatore in 2024. PERIASAMY. M

YD: The BJP's functioning at the Centre resembles the 2014 model. One might have expected greater pressure from allies, but that has not happened. This is largely because the BJP's allies are deeply rooted in anti-Congress politics, making it difficult for them to shift alignments. I believe the INDIA bloc was structurally designed to fail in the long run. The collective tally of the INDIA bloc in 2024 is not significantly different from the Opposition numbers of 2014. The BJP's runaway victories in 2014 and 2019 were primarily due to the Congress's collapse. The Congress's tally of 99 came largely from riding on allies like the DMK. The BJP's reduced numbers reflected internal issues in States such as Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan, not Congress's growth. Non-Congress Opposition parties have consistently held their ground since 2014. It was the Congress's weakness that dragged down Opposition totals. In 2024, the jump from 44 to 99 seats created the illusion of an Opposition revival. But regional parties had already reached saturation in their States. The DMK swept Tamil Nadu, Mamata Banerjee did the same in Bengal, and the Samajwadi Party checked the BJP in U.P.

KKK: The BJP's allies are primarily State-based parties focused on extracting benefits for their States. As long as these interests are served, they have little incentive to challenge the BJP's centralised functioning. In earlier coalitions, a larger pool of regional parties could restrain the coalition leader. Today, allies lack the numbers to do so. This has enabled the majoritarian model seen over the past two years.

Given a choice, neither the BJP nor the Congress prefer coalitions.

Does the defeat of the DMK and the Trinamool create space for the Congress to consolidate its position against the BJP?

> The defeat of the DMK and the Trinamool is not good news for the Congress. The Congress's inability to occupy space vacated by regional parties strengthens the BJP's narrative that there is no national alternative
> **K.K. KAILASH**

YD: Hypothetically, yes. The decline of regional heavyweights could create a vacuum that the Congress might fill. But the Congress is not positioned to do so. Even where the Congress and the BJP face off directly, the party struggles to hold ground. Leadership remains a major issue. After the May 4 results, four of five Chief Ministers were sworn in quickly; Kerala took time. Until Congress resolves its organisational disarray and leadership paralysis, it will not be able to replace the BJP.

KKK: The defeat of the DMK and the Trinamool is not good news for the Congress. They weaken the Opposition's collective strength and expose the Congress further in direct contests with the BJP. The Congress's inability to occupy space vacated by regional parties strengthens the BJP's narrative that there is no national alternative. A diverse Opposition with strong State-based parties provides broader resistance. Fragmentation only benefits the BJP.

The INDIA bloc has also shifted form — now we may see a new entrant, the TVK — how does this play out in the intra bloc rivalry?

YD: The Congress's decision to support Vijay has come as a great sign of relief for the BJP. The 27 Lok Sabha MPs and nine Rajya Sabha MPs of the DMK are now completely liberated from the Congress alliance. The DMK can now operate just like the way the YSR Congress or the BJD functioned in Parliament for the last 12 years. Even if Vijay joins the INDIA bloc, does he have any MP in the Rajya Sabha or Lok Sabha right now? One must remember that the DMK has previously worked with the BJP.

KKK: The TVK is not bringing anything to the Lok Sabha till 2029. Now, even in 2029, I think a great deal depends on how the government in the State functions and whether the people still have confidence in them.

Given all this is there still a case to revive and strengthen the INDIA bloc ahead of the 2029 general elections?

YD: Well, never say never in politics. Historically, the BJP is in a similar position as the Congress used to be. It too faced a strong united Opposition in 1967, 1977 and 1989. Can a similar position develop against the BJP? I believe that every other party barring the Congress has been delivering their 100% in order to win their States. The question still wrests on whether the Congress can get its rank and file in order. Can the leadership of the Congress actually start making some strategic decisions which would make the party seem like a viable alternative to the BJP? Without a structural revival within the Congress, even if their partners win big in their respective States, the INDIA alliance will remain weak at the centre.

KKK: One key element missing from this discussion is what comparative studies tell us about legitimacy and delegitimisation. Whether it is an idea, a party, or a political formation such as the INDIA bloc, legitimacy is neither natural nor permanent. These are not inherent or fixed qualities. Political formations emerge at particular moments, shaped by specific contexts and circumstances. As those contexts change, so too do legitimacy and delegitimacy. There is no guarantee that alliances like INDIA will endure forever, just as there is no permanent right to legitimacy enjoyed by any party. Many parties and ideas have experienced both acceptance and rejection over time. The Congress, the BJP, and the DMK have all seen reversals. Ideas, too, go through cycles. The BJP's current success rests partly on its alignment with what has come to be projected, or constructed, as a national consensus. But what passes for consensus today may not hold in the future. Generational shifts and changing social realities will inevitably reshape political alignments. A second point is about opposition. Those excluded from power, or seen as delegitimised, are not passive spectators. In a parliamentary and liberal democracy, opposition is inevitable and necessary. It cannot be erased or permanently shut out, and it will continue to adapt strategically. Even if the INDIA bloc does not endure, the idea of opposition will. I agree with the point that this moment is a wake-up call for the Congress. There is a broad agreement that the party needs internal revival, cadre building and clearer leadership. But that raises a final question: if everyone recognises this, and the Congress does not seem to be acting, does it know something that the rest of us do not?

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NOTEBOOK

The enduring legacy left behind by Ted Turner

The mind behind 24-hour globalised news saw its profitable nature first thrive, and then be commodified

Suhasini Haidar

As a child, Ted Turner's father, Ed Turner, who was a major if overbearing influence on him told him to set his goals so high, that they were impossible to accomplish in one's lifetime. "That way you'll always have something ahead of you," Turner senior told him. Ted Turner, who died this month at the age of 87 followed this dictum all his life, but not only did he see many 'impossible dreams' come true, he also saw many of them die – be it the gift of globalised news, or steadfast support to the United Nations.

He gave the world its most important journalistic invention – 24-hour news, through the creation of CNN, which he eventually had to sell. Turner, called "Captain Outrageous", also had a personal life that played out on the public stage. When asked about his biggest regrets, he told me there were two in an interview in 2012 – "I regret losing control of CNN, and I regret that my marriage [to actress Jane Fonda] just didn't work out", he said.

As a journalism student, my dream was to work for CNN, a channel that had captivated everyone with its coverage of the first Gulf War in 1991. At the time, there was no world news that was truly global, and CNN was the only U.S. network that interviewed Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. Turner had banned the word "foreign" across his network, mandating the word "international" instead. In Boston in 1993, I heard him speak about why, when after a visit to Cuba where he met with Cuban leader Fidel Castro, he realised that much of what he had grown up believing about Cuba was propaganda borne of a "my country right or wrong mentality". CNN had a show called "World Report" that aired reports from local channels around the world, so that Americans and global audiences could see news through a different prism.

Turner was also concerned about global issues, with his UN Foundation channelling a billion dollars into the UN and its various projects. In 1985, he set up the Better World Society with many international figures, including Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, and funded the "Goodwill Games" in Moscow and Atlanta to counter the U.S.-led boycott against the Moscow Olympics.

During my days as an intern at the CNN bureau of the United Nations, I became Turner's gopher for a day, on duty to escort him and Jane Fonda at a UNGA meet ahead of the UN Population summit in Cairo. His enthusiasm for globalisation and building global citizens was what stayed with me. Months later, when I was hired to work at CNN's "South Asia" bureau, I realised the importance of his diktat on "international v/s foreign" as I travelled across the region, including to Pakistan, to report in a non-partisan way for a global network. Those were heady days, when the "CNN effect" – the idea that international coverage which humanised conflict in remote areas could help to drive solutions to the violence – was on full display. Under Turner, CNN had major reporting budgets. Once, we chartered a helicopter to get to the site of a mid-air collision in rural Haryana.

However, Turner's discovery, that 24-hour news could actually be a profitable business became the reason for its downfall. In the U.S., networks that had thought of news as a government-mandated public service (according to FCC regulations, all TV stations had to broadcast a certain amount of news programming every day), began to set up their own 24-hour CNN copies in order to make money. Instead of spending on news coverage as a necessity, they began to look at the "bottom-line" – chasing stories that would catch attention rather than important news, and shutting down their bureaus in world capitals. CNN too went down the same route after Turner left, and even the New Delhi bureau now operates with just skeletal staff.

When I asked him in 2012 what his 'impossible dream' was, he said, "a world at peace". By the time he died this month, however, the world is witnessing more state-based conflicts than at any time since World War II, when he was born.

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK

Salt of the earth

Dry seasoning: A worker harvests salt at the Little Rann of Kutch region in Gujarat, where summer temperatures routinely cross 45 degrees Celsius. While India faces heatwaves every year, few places endure conditions as searing as the country's western desert salt pans, where workers have to survive almost unbearable temperatures. AFP

FROM THE ARCHIVES — The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO MAY 15, 1976

Carter will seek ban on equipment sale

New York, May 14: Mr. Jimmy Carter, the likely choice of Democrats to contest the U.S. Presidency, yesterday indirectly assailed President Ford for failure to persuade France and the Federal Republic of Germany at summit level to halt the sale of nuclear reprocessing plants to other countries.

Mr. Carter was addressing a private meeting held at the United Nations on "nuclear energy and world order." The meeting, addressed among others by Dr. S. Eklund, Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency based at Vienna, was organised by a number of private organisations devoted to science and humanistic problems.

Mr. Carter's address was significant in that it disclosed his thinking on the nuclear question that he might implement in the event of his election as the next U.S. President in the November contest. While Mr. Carter did not name any country in his speech, sources close to him said he was having in mind the agreements concluded by France and the Federal Republic of Germany to sell nuclear reprocessing plants to Pakistan and Brazil and the earlier moves to sell them to South Korea.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO MAY 15, 1926

Polish revolt

Warsaw, May 13: The streets of Warsaw are now calm and orderly and communications and transport are normal.

The anti-Government coup began on Wednesday morning when regiments quartered in the neighbourhood of Warsaw becoming excited at the news of the attempted assassination of Marshal Pilsudski, marched on the capital, where they were joined by the garrison. Pilsudski assumed command of the combined forces and occupied the town after a brief engagement.

From Page One

Satheesan chosen as Kerala Chief Minister

Mr. Satheesan, who led the Opposition in the Kerala Assembly from 2021 to 2026, will be the 13th person to hold the CM's position in the State.

With the suspense about the Chief Minister's post now over, the focus has shifted to the division of portfolios and the Congress's internal efforts to placate senior leaders Ramesh Chennithala and K.C. Venugopal, who were the other top contenders for the CM's post. Mr. Satheesan told reporters that the new Ministers would be selected by the party.

Mr. Venugopal met with Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi for three hours just before the All India Congress Committee declared Mr. Satheesan as its choice for CLP leader at noon. Mr. Venugopal then stated that he respected the AICC's choice. The announcement was made in New Delhi by AICC general secretary in charge of Kerala, Deepa Dasmunsi, the party's central observers Ajay Maken and Mukul Wasnik, and senior leader Jairam Ramesh.

Uneasy truce as Trump, Xi discuss trade, Taiwan

China also conveyed its opposition to U.S. arms sales to Taiwan.

The U.S. readout, for its part, made no mention of Taiwan, though Secretary of State Marco Rubio later told presspersons the U.S. position remained unchanged. The readouts suggested both sides had merely underlined their respective positions on an issue that remains a flashpoint. The White House statement said both did agree on the need to keep the Strait of Hormuz open and to support the free flow of energy, and that Mr. Xi had "made clear China's opposition to the militarisation of the strait". However, there appeared no broader agreement on addressing the Iran crisis.

The ceremony in Beijing trumped the substance. Mr. Trump's visit began with a grand welcome on Thursday morning, as he was greeted by marching PLA troops and cheering schoolchildren at the Great Hall of the People. "It really was a magnificent welcome like none other," Mr. Trump said. The two leaders spent several hours in each other's company, with two-hour-long delegation talks followed by Mr. Xi taking the U.S. President on a tour of the Temple of Heaven.

A state banquet followed in the evening, with further talks over tea set for Friday in the Chinese leadership's Zhongnanhai compound.

At the formal talks, Mr. Xi called for "a new vision" for ties, which he labelled "a constructive relationship of strategic stability" for "the next three years and beyond".

The two leaders may meet three more times this year alone, officials said. Mr. Trump invited Mr. Xi to visit the U.S. on September 24, which he provisionally accepted. The two leaders could also meet at an APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation) summit that China is set to host later this year, and at the G-20 meet in Miami.

The broader challenge facing the two leaders as they navigate a fractious relationship is a changed dynamic. "The U.S. still thinks it is dealing with the China of 10 years ago, but the power dynamic has shifted", said Cameron Johnson, formerly Professor at New York University Shanghai and senior partner at a supply chain consulting firm that advises U.S. and Chinese companies.

The visit could yield a temporary truce. Mr. Johnson said there could be some relaxation by China on rare earths for commercial use, but even that would depend on whether the U.S. eases up on tariffs and export controls. Reports on Thursday said the U.S. cleared 10 Chinese firms to purchase advanced H200 chips from Nvidia, whose CEO Jensen Huang accompanied Mr. Trump to Beijing. U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said on Thursday that both sides were also discussing setting up a Board of Trade for trade issues and a Board of Investment to allow Chinese investment in non-sensitive sectors.

Phase 3 of SIR in 16 States, 3 U.T.s from May 30, says EC

With this phase, SIR will cover the entire country, except Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh; exercise seeks to ensure that only eligible voters are included in poll rolls, says CEC

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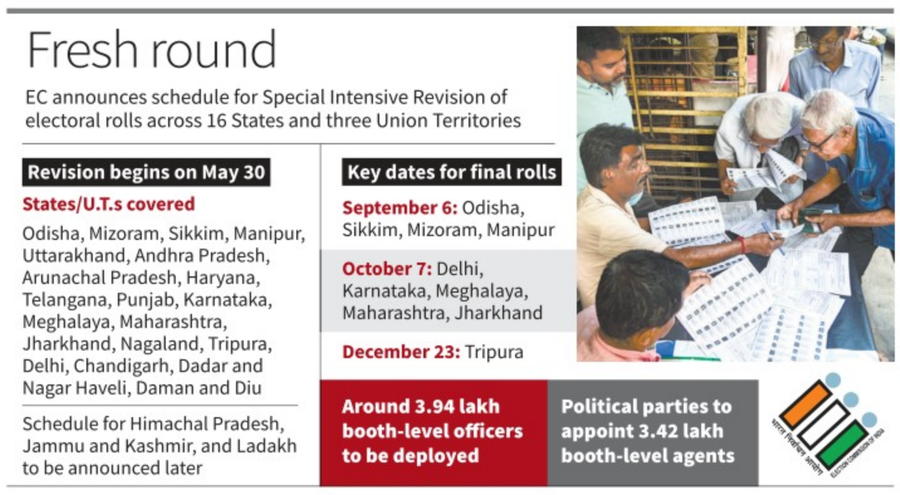
NEW DELHI



The Election Commission of India (EC) on Thursday announced the schedule for Phase 3 of the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in 16 States and three Union Territories beginning May 30.

The EC said that with this phase, the exercise would cover the entire country, except Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. The SIR schedule for these States would be announced later after considering the completion of Phase 2 of the Census and due consideration of the weather in the upper reaches or snowbound areas.

36.73 crore voters

The States and Union Territories where the SIR-3 will be carried out in a staggered manner are Delhi, Odisha, Mizoram, Sikkim, Manipur, Uttarakhand, Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Haryana, Chandigarh, Telangana, Punjab, Karnataka, Meghalaya, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Nagaland, Tripura, Dadar and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu. The combined voter base of these States is 36.73 crore.

The final electoral rolls of the States undergoing the SIR under this phase will be published on different dates this year, beginning with Odisha, Sikkim, Mizoram and Manipur on September 6 and ending with Tripura on December 23. The final voter lists of Delhi, Karnataka, Meghalaya, Maharashtra and Jharkhand will be out on October 7.

Appeal by CEC

The exercise had already been conducted in Bihar, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Puducherry, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep. In Assam, due to legalities of the National Register of Citizens (NRC), a "special revision" was conducted.

"I appeal to all electors to enthusiastically participate in phase 3 of the SIR and fill their enumeration forms. SIR is being conducted to ensure that only eligible voters are included in the electoral roll," Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar said.

3.94 lakh BLOs

Over 3.94 lakh booth-level officers (BLOs) will go house-to-house assisted by 3.42 lakh booth-level agents (BLAs) appointed by political parties during the enumeration phase, the poll body said in a statement.

The voter base across the 12 States and Union Territories stood at more than 50.99 crore when phase 2 of the SIR was announced by the EC on October 27 last year and now the figure stood at 45.81 crore – a decline of over 5.18 crore, which was around 10.2%.

The rules of the Phase 3 SIR would be the same as those of the Phase 2. While announcing the Phase 2 on October 27 last year, the EC had introduced certain changes with learnings from Bihar where the first phase had been carried out.

The most important of them was that no documents were to be collected from electors during the enumeration phase. Aadhaar had been added as the 12th document as directed by the Supreme Court, but only as proof of identity and not of citizenship.

Fresh voter registrations were also carried out simultaneously during house-to-house enumeration.

Activists question impartiality of SIR, electoral process

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

As the Election Commission of India (EC) rolled out the third phase of the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls on Thursday, civil society activists, including former Election Commissioners, questioned the impartiality of the exercise, alleging that it was weakening democracy.

"In Bengal, people who have been left out [of electoral rolls] have passports and birth certificates. But the Supreme Court says don't vote this time, you can vote next time," transparency rights activist Anjali Bharadwaj said at a discussion on "SIR–Elections–One Nation, One Election" on Thursday.

The event was organised by the Constitutional Conduct Group and the Group on Federalism and Elections.

'Vote dacoity'

Ms. Bharadwaj pointed out that of the 27 lakh people left out after the adjudication process in West Bengal, only 2,000 had been heard by the EC-appointed tribunals so far.

"In 150 seats, the winning margin was less than the number of deletions. That is almost 50% of the seats," she said, adding that the EC was not willing to share the CCTV footage of the polling booths. "How will the common man know whether elections took place properly? Are the elections free and fair? That is the big question."

Bureaucrat-turned-activist Harsh Mander held that no impartial observer can say that free and fair polls are taking place in India now. "In Bengal, not vote *chori* but vote dacoity took place openly," he alleged.

There is a need to understand not just how but also why elections are being stolen in this country, Mr. Mander said. "If we don't understand this, then we don't understand how grave this situation is," he said.

Former Election Commissioner Ashok Lavasa said he had many questions about the SIR, the answers for which have not been found in the past 11 months. "The ECI had said that the SIR was being conducted under Article 326 of the Constitution. Will the ECI now share data that under Article 326, how many people have been kept out of the electoral rolls," he asked.

Mr. Lavasa observed that the Supreme Court had earlier said that if there were mass deletions under SIR, then it would intervene. "Now mass deletion has happened. When will they intervene?" he asked.

India backs two-state solution for Palestine issue, says Jaishankar at BRICS meeting

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NEW DELHI

Multilateral engagement: Prime Minister Narendra Modi with the Foreign Ministers and Heads of Delegation of BRICS countries during a meeting in New Delhi on Thursday. PTI

Highlighting India's traditional approach to the Israel-Palestinian conflict, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Thursday presented the "National Statement" at the BRICS ministerial, reiterating India's call for a "two-state solution" to the issue and calling for an end to "risks to maritime traffic, and disruptions to energy infrastructure" in the Gulf region.

Supporting the need for dialogue and diplomacy to resolve conflicts in the region and in North Africa, Mr. Jaishankar sought "coordinated diplomatic efforts" to deal with the situations in Lebanon, Syria, Sudan and also in Libya.

The day-long BRICS Foreign Ministers' meeting witnessed several speeches, including one by Iran's Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi who said that Iran will defend its sovereignty while "advancing diplomacy", adding that the U.S.-Israel attack against Iran will not have a "military solution".

"The wider region also gives rise to serious concern. The conflict in Gaza has grave humanitarian implications. A sustained ceasefire, humanitarian access, and a credible pathway towards a durable and peaceful resolution remain essential," Mr. Jaishankar said. "India supports a two-state solution where the Palestine issue is concerned." Mr. Jaishankar referred to the impact of the U.S.-Israel war on Iran and highlighted the risks that the conflict has posed to shipping and energy infrastructure.

Referring indirectly to the recent actions by the U.S. against multiple members of the United Nations, Mr. Jaishankar drew attention to the "increasing" tendency towards "unilateral coercive measures and sanctions", terming them "inconsistent with international law".

Earlier, Mr. Jaishankar welcomed the dignitaries that included Mr. Araghchi who made an emphatic call to resist the U.S. Referring to U.S. military and trade practices, Mr. Araghchi said the international community is facing "variations" of the "same repugnant coercion".

At the end of the engagements, visiting dignitaries Mr. Araghchi, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and Brazil's Foreign Minister Mauro Vieira called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

P. Kumaran is India's High Commissioner in London

The Hindu Bureau
LONDON

India's new High Commissioner to the U.K., Periasamy Kumaran, formally stepped into his role on Thursday, presenting his credentials to Vice-Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, Scott Furssedonn-Wood.

He paid tributes to the statues of Mahatma Gandhi in Tavistock Square and Parliament Square and to Babasaheb B.R. Ambedkar at Ambedkar House in London. Mr. Kumaran previously served as Secretary (East) in the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi and as High Commissioner to Singapore prior to that.

In London, he succeeds Vikram Doraiswami, who is now India's Ambassador to China.

Efforts on to release Kuki, Naga people held hostage in Manipur

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI/NEW DELHI

A day after four persons were killed in separate incidents in Manipur, the State's Home Minister, Govindas Konthoujam, said on Thursday that at least 38 people from the Kuki and Naga communities are being held hostage by different groups.

While some organisations claimed that 43 people have been either detained or abducted by various groups, Deputy Chief Minister Losii Dikho said that at least 44 have been abducted with an infant and two Naga Catholic trainee priests among them.

Three of the four killed in Wednesday's separate ambushes by suspected extremists were Kuki church leaders. Two of them were key members of the Thadou Baptist Association of India (TBAI). The attacks took place in the Kuki-dominated Kangpokpi district. The fourth, a Naga villager, was killed in the Naga-majority Noney district.

"We have reports that more than 38 people from both communities have been held hostage by different groups. We are working with civil society organisations and political leaders to secure their release," Mr. Konthoujam told journalists after visiting the family of Wilson Thanga, who was killed in Noney. He also went to the Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences in the State's capital, Imphal, where Thanga's body had been kept for autopsy. Three Naga MLAs accompanied him.

Speaking with *The Hindu*, the Deputy Chief Minister, who is leading the negotiations on behalf of the State government to secure the release of those abducted, said that the killing of the church leaders was "unprecedented" as such attacks did not occur even at the height of previous conflicts.

He said talks were on with Kuki and Naga groups till late on Thursday and efforts were on to find an amicable solution. A section of Thadous say they are distinct from the Kuki group of tribes.

NIA files chargesheet against 10 accused in Red Fort blast case

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NEW DELHI

An accused in the Red Fort bomb explosion case being produced before the NIA Special Court in New Delhi on Thursday. ANI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has filed a 7,500-page chargesheet against 10 accused persons in the Red Fort area car bomb explosion case.

"All 10 accused, including the main perpetrator, Dr. Umer Un Nabi (deceased), were linked to the organisation Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind (AGuH) – an offshoot of the al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS), as per the charges filed before the NIA special court at Patiala House Courts in New Delhi," said the agency.

AQIS and all its manifestations were notified as a terrorist organisation by the Ministry of Home Affairs in June 2018.

Pulwama-based Dr. Nabi was allegedly driving the car when the bomb had exploded on November 10, 2025. He was an assistant professor of medicine at Al-Falah University in Faridabad (Haryana).

"The chargesheet is based on extensive investigation spread across the States of Jammu & Kashmir, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat and the Delhi NCR region. It includes detailed evidence in the form of 588 oral testimonies, more than 395 documents and over 200 seized material exhibits," the NIA said.

HC initiates contempt case against AAP leaders

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court initiated criminal contempt proceedings against AAP leaders Arvind Kejriwal, Manish Sisodia, Durgesh Pathak, Sanjay Singh, Saurabh Bharadwaj and others over alleged defamatory and "vilifying" social media posts targeting Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma in connection with the excise policy case. Justice Sharma said, "Though inside the courtroom he (Mr. Kejriwal) professed respect for the court, outside the courtroom he orchestrated a campaign of vilification..."

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Free and fair elections are dependent on a truly independent poll body: SC

Top court questions neutrality of Prime Minister-led selection panel for Election Commissioners, highlights absence of even 'one absolutely neutral person'; Attorney-General says the court cannot become a 'second chamber of Parliament'; Bench suggests referring petitions to Constitution Bench

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday nudged the Union government to address concerns over its dominant role in the appointment of Chief Election Commissioners and Election Commissioners, observing that free and fair elections depend on a truly independent Election Commission.

The court highlighted the absence of even "one absolutely neutral person" on the Prime Minister-chaired selection committee. It questioned the presence of a Cabinet Minister on the panel, observing that such a Minister could not be expected to defy the Prime Minister. The court also asked whether the presence of the Leader of the Opposition on the committee was merely "ornamental" as appointments could be made without a unanimous vote.

The court was hearing a batch of petitions challenging the Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service, and Term of Office) Act, 2023.

The petitioners contended that the Act "defeated" a Constitution Bench judgment in the *Anoop Baranwal versus Union of India* case, which had constituted a selection panel comprising the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, and the Chief Justice of India. The 2023 Act, passed within months of the judgment, replaced the Chief Justice with a Cabinet Minister nominated by the Prime Minister.

'Judicial restraint'

Describing the *Anoop Baranwal* judgment as a "classic example of judicial restraint and statesmanship", the court indicated that the 2023 Act handed the power to the Executive to "call the shots" in the appointment of the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and Election Commissioners (ECs).

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> **JUSTICE DIPANKAR DATTA**
> Supreme Court Judge

"Judgments of this court from 1950 are eloquent on the point that the Executive cannot call the shots as far as elections are concerned... Free fair elections are an important part of the Basic Structure. It can only be accomplished by having an independent Election Commission of India. The Election Commission can only be independent if it has independent Commissioners," Justice Dipankar Datta, heading a Division Bench, told Attorney-General R. Venkataramani, appearing for the Union government.

Mr. Venkataramani said one cannot make a "hugely hypothetical assumption" that the Act would result only in subservient CECs and ECs unless there was an actual lapse on the ground.

"Unless you taste the pudding, how can you say the pudding is bad," Mr. Venkataramani asked.

Justice Datta replied that it was not enough for the Election Commission to be independent, and that the poll body should also appear to be independent.

The judge asked the top law officer which law he thought occupied the "pride of place" immediately after the Constitution.

"After the Constitution, which law occupies the prime place? There are thousands of legislations, which one would you place right next to the Constitution... I would say, the election laws. Would I be wrong? Without democracy, there is nothing," Justice Datta said.

A-G's argument

Mr. Venkataramani argued that the Supreme Court could not become a "second chamber of Parliament". The petitioners, he said, cannot expect Parliament to enact laws blindly in consonance with Supreme Court judgments.

"Can somebody come to the court and say Parliament disregarded your judgment when it was bound entirely to the word of the court? The court can declare the law while examining the legality of a legislation or a state action. But the court cannot decide what a law should look like and expect Parliament to follow suit by enacting a law faithfully mirroring the court's vision," the Attorney-General submitted.

Mr. Venkataramani said the court did not declare any law under Article 141 in the *Anoop Baranwal* judgment. It had merely put in place a stop-gap arrangement for the CEC and EC appointments until Parliament enacted a law under Article 324(2).

Towards the end of the hearing, the Bench suggested referring the petitions to a Constitution Bench. The petitioners strongly opposed the move, arguing that the pleas involved a "conventional" challenge to the 2023 Act and not a "substantial question of law" warranting reference to a larger Bench under Article 145(3).

Two more arrested in connection with NEET paper leak

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NEW DELHI

The probe agency conducted searches at 14 locations across the country to track down suspects

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has arrested two more persons in connection with the NEET-UG paper leak case and conducted searches at 14 locations to track down the suspects on Thursday.

The agency has not yet ruled out the role of any public servant.

The arrested accused have been identified as ayurveda practitioner Dhananjay Lokhande from Ahilyanagar and beauty salon owner Manisha Waghmare from Pune in Maharashtra. The State police had detained the two accused and handed them over to the CBI.

The five accused earlier arrested by the agency were produced before a special Delhi court that sent them to seven days' CBI custody for interrogation. They have been identified as Mangilal Biwal, Vikas Biwal and Dinesh Biwal from Jaipur, Rajasthan; Yash Yadav from Gurugram, Haryana; and Shubham Khairnar from Nashik in Maharashtra.

While the agency is yet to unearth the entire conspiracy, it is suspected that Mr. Shubham provided the "guess" paper to Mr. Yash, who supplied it to Mangilal Biwal for his younger son. It is alleged that Mr. Yash knew Mangilal's elder son Vikas from a coaching centre in Sikar, Rajasthan. Subsequently, the question paper was distributed among others.

A high-level meeting was held late at the residence of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan to review preparations for the fresh conduct of the exam, official sources said. The meeting involved detailed discussions on various aspects related to the conduct of the exam, they added.

(With PTI inputs)

BJP questions Rahul's foreign trips; Congress hits back

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Bharatiya Janata Party on Thursday raised questions over Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's foreign visits, alleging that their estimated expenses did not match his declared income during the corresponding time span.

The party demanded that Mr. Gandhi and his party disclose the source of funding for those trips.

BJP MP Sambit Patra claimed that the trips' estimated cost was nearly ₹60 crore, while Mr. Gandhi's declared income in the past 10 years was about ₹11 crore.

Countering the charge, Congress communications chief Jairam Ramesh accused the BJP of asking about Mr. Gandhi's foreign visits to divert attention from pressing national concerns, including what he called an "economic collapse" under Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the government's failures on foreign policy issues.

PM's call for change in consumption pattern was only an appeal: Vallabh

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's appeal for Indians to rationalise consumption of fuel, abstain from buying gold for a year and work from home, is "an appeal for intelligent substitution of the consumption" of goods that make up a large part of India's import bill and affect the current account deficit, according to Gourav Vallabh, member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Mr. Vallabh said that there was "no ban on anything, nor any need for any panic" as the Prime Minister's call for a considered change in consumption pattern was an appeal above all else.

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> **GOURAV VALLABH**
> EAC-PM member

Geopolitical angle

According to Mr. Vallabh, there are three big geopolitical pressures – the conflict in West Asia, the slowdown in Europe due to the Russia-Ukraine war, and the U.S.-China face-off that has directly hit commodities. "In the Indian context, we need to see all three overlaid on our import bills. The two biggest items in that bill are crude oil and gold. Figures from financial year 2026 show that we imported around ₹11 lakh crore worth of crude oil and gold for the same period was ₹6.5 lakh crore [totalling], approximately, ₹18 lakh crore. The price of crude oil, which was $70 per barrel, is now, after two-and-half months of war at $105, without it reflecting at the pump stations. The foreign exchange outflow on these two items alone have risen to ₹22-23 lakh crore to make up for that gap. Mr. Modi has appealed for an intelligent substitution of these consumables, if possible," he said.

"If by this particular advice, we can reduce our forex outflows by 10% in a year, we will be saving close to ₹2.5 lakh crore of foreign exchange outflows [per year]," he said.

'Lot of uncertainty'

"Mr. Modi's appeal is for smart, intelligent substitution of the consumption of goods which have foreign exchange impact. In a geopolitical crisis, where there is a lot of uncertainty, the message is that there are certain measures which are in the people's own hands," Mr. Vallabh said.

He added that there was an expectation earlier that the West Asia war would end by March or later in April, but now a situation of uncertainty over outcomes prevails.

"If it is going to continue for a long term, then naturally the world will find its own way, routes will be recalibrated, but currently not just fuel or gas, almost everything is undergoing supply stress and high prices, from parts for laptops, for cars, etc.," he said.

Optimism remains

Despite the difficult situation, he spoke in an optimistic tone about the growth prospects of the Indian economy, stressing that there was no need to panic.

"Most agencies that look into these issues, like the Reserve Bank of India, World Bank and the IMF, are predicting that the Indian economy is going to grow at 7% of GDP or more than that in this fiscal year. No other country is going to grow at the rate at which we are growing right now, as far as large economies are concerned," he said.

NTA ignored SC directions to overhaul system after 2024 leak: medical body petition

Maitri Porecha
NEW DELHI

The court should order the creation of a modern, foolproof, and transparent system, it says

The Federation of Indian Medical Association (FAIMA) has flagged the "recurring, systemic, and catastrophic" failure of the National Testing Agency (NTA) in conducting the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET-UG) and has urged the Supreme Court to take a "stricter approach".

The NTA "casually" ignored recommendations of the Radhakrishnan Committee and the court's directions after the 2024 leak. "Mechanism should be in place to ensure that any non-compliances will lead to exemplary penalties," it said in a petition.

It said "repeated digital breaches" and "administrative paralysis" in the NTA that cause multiple paper leaks warrant that the Supreme Court should invoke its extraordinary jurisdiction under Article 142, which it had earlier used to "strip the Medical Council of India of its independent policy making powers". It wanted the court to "step in and order the creation of a modern, foolproof, and transparent system so that the futures of millions of students are never put at risk again".

The petition said NTA relies heavily on unverified private service providers for logistics, including centre management and security, funnelling public funds into lowest bidder infrastructure despite repeated warnings against it by Parliamentary Standing Committees and the court when it heard the 2024 paper leak case.

It said that the court had pointed out lapses in the NTA's system in 2024. These included unauthorised access to strongrooms, transportation of highly sensitive examination materials on e-rickshaws and through private couriers, the absence of any prescribed time limit for the submission of OMR sheets, and a complete lack of direct oversight over the invigilators.

The petition said that attempting to re-conduct the exam using the exact same flawed methods and private contractors, without first implementing the committee's safety measures, is "highly irresponsible". "It practically guarantees that another paper leak will happen, causing further trauma to the students," it said.

"In light of such a systemic collapse, the mere cancellation of the exam is a 'Band-Aid' solution to a 'surgical' problem. There is an urgent need for SC to exercise its extraordinary jurisdiction under Article 32 to lay down strict, permanent guidelines for transparency and digital security," it said.

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Recruitment Notification for Professor and Associate Professor positions for Regular vacancies
(Employment Notification No. 1/DAHUU/Professor & Associate Prof./Regular/2026 Dt. 15.05.2026)
Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following cadres of Regular Vacancies for various departments on direct recruitment basis:

Faculty Position	OC	SC-I	SC-II	SC-III	ST	BC-A	BC-B	BC-C	BC-D	BC-E	EWS
Professor	03	01	-	-	-	01	-	-	-	-	-
Total posts: 05											
Faculty Position	OC	SC-I	SC-II	SC-III	ST	BC-A	BC-B	BC-C	BC-D	BC-E	EWS
Associate Professor	05	01	01	-	01	01	01	-	-	-	-
Total posts: 10											

The detailed information of the above posts relating to qualification, experience, pay scales, reservation, link for submission of filled-in online application etc., can be obtained from the University website: www.ahuuk.ac.in or https://apuniversitiesrecruitment.apcfss.in.
Receiving of the online applications will commence from 18.05.2026.
The last date for submission of online application is 08.06.2026 (by 5.00 PM IST).
The last date for the submission of hardcopy of application (already submitted online) along with the self-attested relevant documents is 15.06.2026 (by 5.00 PM IST).
NOTE: The University reserves the right to fill or not to fill any of the post(s) without giving any reason whatsoever.
University Call Center: 7901628488 from 09:00 AM to 05:00 PM
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Recruitment Notification for Assistant Professor positions for Regular vacancies
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Faculty Position	OC	SC-I	SC-II	SC-III	ST	BC-A	BC-B	BC-C	BC-D	BC-E	EWS
Assistant Professor	09	01	02	01	01	02	01	01	01	01	02
Total posts: 22											

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No.: F 55()/CE/DLB/SBM-U/Legacy Waste/Cluster 1,2,3,4 & 7/2026/8754
Date: 10.05.2026
CORRIGENDUM-I
Online Technical and Financial Bids in Single Stage two envelops are invited on behalf of Governor of Rajasthan by State Mission Director, SBM-2.0 (U), DLB, vide NIB no. F 55 () PA/CE(SBM)/SBM-2/Legacy waste/cluster 1,2,3,4 & 7/2026/6727 dated 10.04.2026 for the works "Bio-Remediation of Legacy Waste (46.80 Lakh Cum) at old Dumpsites in 121 ULBs (Cluster 1,2,3,4 & 7) under Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0. The bidding schedule is being revised as follows:

Sl. No.	Event	Earlier	Revised
1	Bid Document submission end Date & Time	11.05.2026 at 15:00 Hrs	18.05.2026 at 15:00 Hrs
2	Submission of DD/BG etc. for bid security	11.05.2026 at 15:00 Hrs physically at DLB.	18.05.2026 at 15:00 Hrs physically at DLB.
3	Technical Bid Opening Date & Time	11.05.2026 at 16:00 Hrs	18.05.2026 at 16:00 Hrs

All other terms & conditions will remain unchanged.
DIPR/C/8391/2026 State Mission Director, SBM (U)

INBRIEF

Mamata dons lawyer's robe, Bar asks if she is enrolled

Ten days after suffering defeat in the West Bengal Assembly polls, former Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday donned lawyer's robe and appeared before the Calcutta High Court alleging police inaction over incidents of post-poll violence. The Trinamool Congress chief said that the situation had turned so bad that she was not able to reach police stations to file complaints and had to lodge an online complaint. Meanwhile, the Bar Council of India asked the West Bengal Bar Council to furnish a detailed report within 48 hours regarding enrolment and professional practice status of Ms. Banerjee.

Chouhan pens book on his association with PM Modi

Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has penned a book, titled *Apnapan*, on his 35-year-long association with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Talking to reporters on Thursday, Mr. Chouhan said the book was a deeply personal account of his close political and organisational association with the Prime Minister. Former Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu will launch the book on May 26. Mr. Chouhan said *Apnapan* would offer readers an opportunity to understand Mr. Modi's personality, leadership style, sensitivity and work ethic from a closer and more personal perspective.

Delhi court orders OpIndia to remove articles on journalist

A Delhi court recently directed OpIndia to remove two articles, published around six years ago, about journalist Swati Chaturvedi, holding that the continued circulation of the pieces could cause "serious and irreparable injury" to her professional reputation while the defamation suit remains pending. Meenu Kaushik, district judge, Patiala House Court, in an order dated May 13 noted that the "source articles" produced by the defendants did not prima facie support the claims made against Ms. Chaturvedi. The court accepted her argument that many allegedly defamatory statements could not be linked to material available in the public domain.

Crew of Indian-flagged ship safe after recent attack: MEA

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Thursday said that an Indian-flagged commercial vessel had come under attack off the coast of Oman, but all its crew members are safe. The MEA described the attack as "unacceptable", but its statement did not say who had carried out the attack which took place on Wednesday. "The attack on an Indian-flagged ship off the coast of Oman yesterday is unacceptable and we deplore the fact that commercial shipping and civilian mariners continue to be targeted," the statement said. "All Indian crew on board are safe and we thank the Omani authorities for rescuing them," it added.

HC seeks CBI, ED response on complaint against LoP

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Allahabad High Court recently asked the CBI and the ED to examine a complaint which alleged disproportionate assets in possession of Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and update the court on any developments.

The court gave the directions on May 12 while hearing a criminal writ petition filed by S. Vignesh Shishir, a BJP worker from Karnataka.

Mr. Shishir had also approached this court in the past seeking an investigation into the alleged British citizenship of Mr. Gandhi. The High Court had ordered registration of FIR on his complaint last month but revoked the orders the same day stating that Mr. Gandhi was not given an opportunity to be heard.

During the hearing of the present complaint, the CBI's counsel informed the court that the agency had received the complaint and would place its response on record within eight weeks. The ED's counsel too gave a similar reply.

One dead in landslide in West Bengal mines; many feared trapped

An 'air blast' in the coal mines in Jamuria triggered the landslide; several people injured; workers allege lack of supervision and safety measures

Shrabana Chatterjee
KOLKATA

One person died and several others were injured in a landslide in the coal mines of Jamuria in the Raniganj coal belt in West Bengal on Thursday morning. Though the administration started rescue operations, several workers were believed to be still trapped inside the mines even in the evening.

The accident was reported from Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL)'s Kunustoria Padashiya Colliery. It was reported that, during the blasting process of mining, there was "air blast" in section 27 of the Kunustoria coal mines, leading to collapse of multiple pillars at the same time. The impact led to fall of rocks and construction material, causing a landslide and leaving a worker dead.

A rescued worker said that it felt like the ground beneath their feet started shaking and all of them fell in different directions in the impact of the air blast.

A coal mine in the Raniganj belt. SHRABANA CHATTERJEE

"The accident occurred around 10 a.m. The injured have been admitted to the local hospital in Raniganj and other ECL hospitals," Raghubir Prasad, a local resident of Jamuria, told *The Hindu*.

Coal mine workers staged a protest and alleged that the accident occurred due to lack of supervision and safety measures.

"At least 17 people are in the hospital. One person has died, one person is in a critical state," Dharmadas Mandol, local secretary of Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU), told mediapersons.

Local workers' union leaders complained that they had not got any concrete response on the whereabouts of the workers and the rescue operations from the ECL authorities.

The colliery authorities have begun an investigation into the incident.

Woman gang-raped inside bus in Delhi's Rani Bagh, 2 held

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Two bus drivers were arrested here on Thursday for the alleged gang rape of a woman inside a private sleeper bus at Rani Bagh.

The police confirmed on Thursday that an FIR has been filed against Umesh Kumar (40) and Ramender (45) and the vehicle seized.

The National Commission for Women (NCW) has demanded that the police file an action-taken report within seven days on the crime and measures being taken to secure the victim.

Police said the assault occurred late on May 11.

"An enquiry revealed that the woman had some kind of a monetary agreement with the accused. They boarded the bus together at Rani Bagh and took it to Nangloi," Vikram Singh, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Outer), said.

According to police, the men did not pay the promised amount after which she decided not to deal with them. However, media reports contradict the police's position, saying the woman was pulled onto the bus.

According to the police, the woman used a phone belonging to one of the accused to make a call to the police control room.

The NCW's X handle said, "The NCW has taken *suo motu* cognizance of the deeply disturbing media reports regarding the alleged gang rape of a woman inside a private sleeper bus in Delhi. As reported, the survivor was allegedly pulled inside the bus by the driver and conductor and sexually assaulted while returning home from work."

The NCW has also sought details of steps taken to ensure the victim's safety, and rehabilitation support being provided to the survivor and her family, along with information on the bus operator and owner.

Further, the NCW has directed the authorities to furnish details of preventive and corrective measures proposed to strengthen the safety of women travelling through public and private transport systems in Delhi, particularly during late hours.

COVID-19 linked to 22.1 million excess deaths globally from 2020 to 2023: WHO report

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

The World Health Organization (WHO) has said the COVID-19 pandemic exposed vulnerabilities in global health systems and was linked to an estimated 22.1 million excess deaths, including indirect deaths, between 2020 and 2023.

The estimate, published in the WHO's flagship World Health Statistics report, is more than three times the number of officially reported COVID-19 deaths and reflects the scale of the pandemic's global impact. The report said the pandemic reversed a decade of gains in life expectancy, with recovery remaining incomplete and uneven across regions.

The report also highlighted notable progress in several areas. New HIV infections fell by 40% between 2010 and 2024, while both tobacco use and alcohol consumption declined during the period. The number of people requiring interventions for neglected tropical diseases dropped by 36% between 2010 and 2024.

The report estimates more than thrice the number of officially reported COVID-19 deaths.

Access to services shaping health outcomes also expanded rapidly between 2015 and 2024. During this period, 961 million people gained access to safe drinking water, 1.2 billion to sanitation, 1.6 billion to basic hygiene and 1.4 billion to clean cooking solutions.

The report said the WHO African Region achieved faster-than-global reductions in HIV infections, down by 70%, and tuberculosis, down by 28%. It added that the South-East Asia Region was on track to meet its 2025 milestone for malaria reduction.

Challenges remain

However, the report warned that significant challenges remain. Malaria incidence increased by 8.5% since 2015, moving the world further away from global targets.

Anaemia affects 30.7% of women of reproductive age, with no improvement recorded over the past decade.

The report also noted that violence against women remains widespread, with intimate partner violence affecting one in four women globally.

Webinar to discuss career pathways in Humanities, Sciences

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), in association with *The Hindu*, will organise a webinar on "Career beyond the obvious: unlocking new pathways in Humanities and Sciences", aimed at broadening perspectives on the career landscape and highlighting the opportunities emerging beyond conventional professional choices.

With industries increasingly valuing interdisciplinary skills, the session will explore how disciplines in the humanities and sciences are opening doors to careers across sectors such as research, technology, media, analytics, public policy, behavioural sciences, communication, sustainability, and innovation. It will offer insights into emerging trends, industry expectations, and other critical aspects.

SRM PRESENTS FUTURE CAREER CONVERSATIONS REIMAGINING FUTURES THROUGH HUMANITIES & SCIENCES IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE HINDU

The panel will feature A. Vinay Kumar, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (science, Humanities, and management), SRMIST; A. Duraisamy, Dean, Faculty of Sciences and Humanities, SRMIST; Deepa Sethi, Executive Chair of Globe, IIM, Kozhikode; and Kamal Karanth, co-founder, Xpheno Private Ltd. The webinar is eighth in the Future Career Conversations series and will be hosted by Prince Frederick, Civic Affairs Editor and Editor, Opportunities, *The Hindu*.

Those interested may scan the QR code or visit https://newsth.live/THSRMHE for registration.

HC recalls its earlier order on journalist's PIO status

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Thursday recalled its order quashing the Centre's decision to reject journalist Siddharth Varadarajan's plea seeking conversion of his Person of Indian Origin (PIO) status to Overseas Citizen of India (OCI).

Justice Purushaindra Kumar Kaurav said Mr. Varadarajan failed to disclose the existence of a 2020 Allahabad High Court order that granted him anticipatory bail in a criminal case and imposed conditions, such as surrendering his passport and restricting travel abroad without permission from the trial court concerned.

The court also recalled its May 13 order asking the authorities to consider an application by Mr. Varadarajan, a U.S. citizen, for a "return visa" and allowing him to travel to Estonia between May 14 and 19.

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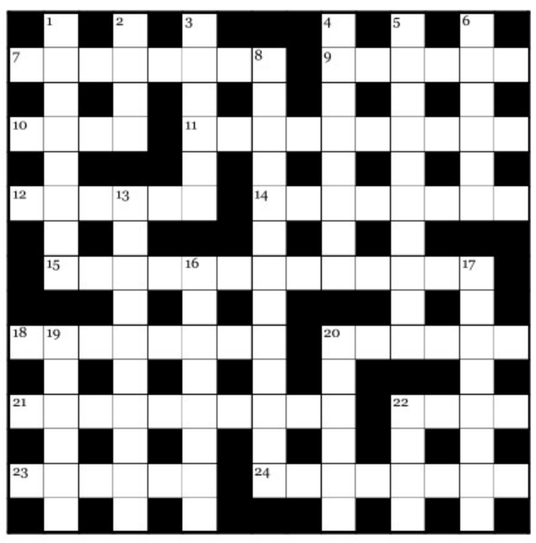

ACROSS

7. Cycles poorly to hospital in rough vehicle (8)
9. Active local touring old destinations initially on a ship (6)
10. Personally crafted project, say - a lamp (4)
11. Cancelling out filling NYU rolls (10)
12. Intolerant people in scraps about match (6)
14. Whip gooey substances coating ordinary fruits (8)
15. Terribly upsetting hater (13)
18. The Reverend Harry's condition in decline (8)
20. Sanskrit scholar drinking hot water in Delhi (6)
21. The only option for an ultimate holiday spot? (4,6)
22. Middle Eastern port finally closed to North America (4)
23. Surprisingly last to answer on the buzzer? (6)
24. African from Western part of Ghana is in Utah (8)

DOWN

1. Drop vessel, eating very little (8)
2. Fine bits of radish alongside vegetable (4)
3. Conservative husband in old style baggy trousers (6)
4. Spanish ranch house had a nice complex (8)
5. Say, Hawaiian acting in one's play (10)
6. Supporting books - starting from Othello, immediately (6)
8. Smart new tutor led extremely unusual careers (4-6-3)
13. Oscar called you and me to protect brown animals (10)
16. Touchy about party reduced to a caricature (8)
17. Girl with *bhai jaan*, not oddly pacifist by principle (8)
19. Item of crockery the camp lost frequently (6)
20. Part of expat in American film (6)
22. Whack fly (4)

SUDOKU

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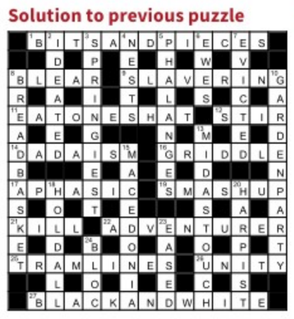

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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7	9	4	6	3	1	5	2	8
1	5	8	4	7	2	6	9	3

FAITH

Praise Lord Siva, not mortals

We take pride in our formal education, but there is something beyond this, which we must acquire and this is jnana. Jnana alone can lead to liberation of the soul. However, whether it is formal education or jnana, they must be used to praise God, and must be seen as boons from Lord Siva, said So.So. Meenakshisundaram in a discourse. Thirumoolar was very clear about why God gave him life on this earth. He said God had created him, so that he could create elegant works in Tamil. God gives bodies to souls, so that they can strive to liberate themselves. The body given by God should be used to serve Him. We should serve in temples, by cleaning them. Or we could make garlands for the deities in temples. Or we could water plants in the temple garden. We must use our eyes to see Him in temples. We must use our ears to hear His praises. We must use our tongue to sing about His miraculous deeds.

Appar says people do not worship Lord Siva's feet with flowers. They do not chant His names. They spend all their lives pursuing material wealth. And what is all this for? Eventually, when they die, their bodies become food for crows, says Appar. Sundarar in his praise of the deity of Thiruppugalur addresses poets and tells them not to praise mortals. It often happens that even when a poet praises a wealthy man and is close to him, the rich man does not honour the poet with any gifts. That being the case, poets should not sing the praises of rich men, says Sundarar. Instead, they should praise Lord Siva of Thiruppugalur. He will not only provide food and clothing throughout their lives, but will also get rid of their worries.

INBRIEF

Tata Motors PV Q4 PAT falls 32% hit on JLR headwinds

Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd. (TMPVL), for the fourth quarter ended March 31, 2026, reported a 32% decline in consolidated profit after tax (PAT) at ₹5,783 crore as compared with ₹8,470 crore in the year-ago period. The company delivered revenues of ₹1,05,447 crore, up 7.2% year on year (YoY). For FY26, the company reported PAT of ₹82,390 crore as compared with ₹27,830 crore a year ago, up 196% YoY. FY26 revenues stood at ₹335.582 crore down 8.3% YoY. "On a full year basis, the profitability was impacted by several headwinds at Jaguar Land Rover (JLR), including a cyber incident, tariffs, China luxury tax, VME pressures and adverse commodities prices," the company said in a filing. The consolidated net debt stood at ₹30,700 crore. The company's board has recommended a final dividend of ₹3per share.

Inox Clean buys solar energy assets in U.S. for $750 mn

Home-grown renewable energy firm Inox Clean has acquired 3 GW module and 3 GW cell manufacturing capacity from Boviet Solar in the U.S. in a $750-million deal. While the solar module capacity is operational, the cell manufacturing capacity is expected to be commissioned by the end of this year, Inox Clean Energy Ltd. (Inox Clean) said in a statement. The company has acquired the assets of Boviet Solar Technology LLC (Boviet Solar) through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Inox Solar Americas LLC, as per the statement. The asset purchase unlocks significant economic advantages under the U.S. government's domestic manufacturing push. The products sold will be eligible for incentives, enhancing profitability while also mitigating tariff- and policy-related uncertainties through a localised manufacturing footprint, the company said. PTI

WPI more than doubles to 8.3% in April

India's WPI inflation rises to its highest level in 3.5 years on the impact of the West Asia crisis on prices in India; experts say that this jump in wholesale prices could soon be passed on to consumers, and could also start hurting the profitability of companies if it is not passed on

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NEW DELHI

In the first sign of the impact of the West Asia crisis on prices in India, wholesale inflation in India jumped to 8.3% in April 2026, its highest level in 3.5 years, driven by the sharp rise in crude oil and natural gas prices. Inflation in this category stood at 67.2% in April.

Data on the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry on Thursday showed that the last time wholesale inflation in India was higher than this was in October 2022. It had stood at 3.9% in March 2026.

Notably, food inflation at the wholesale level remained relatively low, at 2% in April 2026, compared with 1.9% a month earlier. "The first sign of the impact of war on the Indian economy has been seen in the WPI inflation number for April which came at 8.3%," Madan Sabnavis, chief economist at the Bank of Baroda said.

"This is a direct result of the global developments which have manifested on the oil front."

Shashwat Singh, Fundamental Analyst at Bajaj Broking too said that the rise in wholesale inflation was largely driven by higher crude oil prices, fuel and power costs, imported inflation, and elevated input prices amid the ongoing geopolitical tensions in West Asia.

Within the index, inflation in the crude oil and natural gas sectors stood at a 46-month high of 67.2% in April 2026, coming on the back of a 39-month high in March.

While the higher international prices of both products are a driving factor for this, there is also a significant base effect pushing the inflation numbers up. That is, the sector witnessed deflation of 7.6% and 15.5% in March and April of last year.

Fuel inflation

The fuel and power category, too, saw inflation rise to 24.7% in April 2026, the highest since October 2022. This was driven by inflation in the mineral oils category, which rose to 39.5% in April 2026.

Mr. Singh pointed out that this elevated wholesale inflation could soon pass on to the retail level and directly affect consumers. He added that it could also hurt the profitability of companies.

"Higher logistics, freight, and commodity prices are now increasingly getting reflected in wholesale inflation, which could eventually pass through to consumer inflation as well," Mr. Singh said.

"The spike also suggests margin pressure for manufacturing and industrial companies if cost increases cannot be fully passed on to consumers."

India back on EU approved list of aquaculture exporters

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NEW DELHI

India has proven its compliance with EU restrictions on anti microbial use in food producing animals

In a major boost for India's seafood industry, the country has been re-included in the list of nations that can export aquaculture products to the EU from September 2026, as it has proven its compliance with EU restrictions related to use of antimicrobials in animals used for food.

In October 2024, the EU omitted India from the list of countries allowed to export aquaculture products to the EU from September 2026, raising concerns in the domestic industry, as the EU is a major export destination for Indian seafood. Aquaculture covers finfish, including eels, and products of finfish (such as roes and caviar), and crustaceans.

"Under EU rules, the use of antimicrobials in livestock for growth or yield purposes is not allowed, nor can animals be treated with antimicrobials reserved for human infections," the European Commission said in its statement. "The countries on the list have proven their compliance with the EU restrictions on antimicrobial use in food-producing animals."

It added that the list will be formally adopted "in the coming days", with the rules on imports applying from September 3, 2026.

The development builds on the fact that in September 2025, the EU added 102 new Indian fisheries to its list of approved establishments that can export to EU member countries.

Govt. bans sugar exports till Sept. 30; U.S., EU excluded

The Hindu Bureau
COIMBATORE

The Department of Commerce issued a notification on Wednesday moving sugar from 'restricted' to 'prohibited' list of items for exports.

Export of raw, white and refined sugar is banned till September 30, 2026.

The ban, however, does not apply to exports to the United States and the European Union under the CXL and TRQ quota, and exports under the advance authorisation scheme.

It will also not apply to government-to-government exports. If the shipping bill has been raised or the consignment loading has commenced or handed over to the Customs, the exports will be permitted, according to the notification.

The Indian Sugar and Bio-energy Manufacturers Association (ISMA) had said in February this year – almost three months after the commencement of the sugarcane crushing season – that sugar production was expected to be 324 lakh tonnes in the 2025-2026 sugar season and that 31 lakh tonnes would be diverted for ethanol.

The net sugar production was expected to be still 30 lakh tonnes more than last sugar season at 293 lakh tonnes.

The Association said on Thursday that exports were permitted by the Government last November based on the then prevailing production estimates and an encouraging outlook for the sugar season.

However, as the season progressed, sugar production in certain key states, particularly Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh, was impacted resulting in a moderation of overall actual production.

Jaishankar slams 'unilateral' sanctions days before expiry of Russian oil purchase waiver

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Saptaparno Ghosh
NEW DELHI

As India awaits the United States' decision on extending its waiver on sanctions against the import of Russian oil, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Thursday hit out at unilateral non-UN sanctions, calling them unjustified.

Delivering the national statement at the BRICS Foreign Ministers meeting chaired by India, Mr. Jaishankar called on the grouping of emerging economies to address the problem of such sanctions.

Significantly, the meeting was attended by Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi representing two of the U.S.'s most heavily sanctioned countries.

With the latest waiver in place, import of Russian crude oil surged to 1.96 million barrels per day since the start of May till date compared with 1.57 million barrels per day during the full month in April, according to data from real-time maritime analytics provider Kpler.

The major increase in India's oil intake from Moscow in May indicates that Indian refiners are rushing to secure stable supplies from Russia while those from West Asia are stuck due to the blockades on the Strait of Hormuz.

In fact, India's import of Russian oil stood at 1.98 million barrels per day in March as the U.S. extended its sanctions waiver on Russian oil purchases for the second consecutive month. Oil imports from Russia have surged despite the fact that Russian crude oil is being sold at a premium of as much as $5 for every barrel to Indian importers. "We must also address the increasing resort to unilateral coercive measures and sanctions inconsistent with international law and the UN Charter. Such measures disproportionately affect developing countries.," Mr. Jaishankar said. "These unjustifiable measures cannot substitute dialogue, nor can pressure replace diplomacy," he said.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar with his Russian and Saudi Arabian counterparts at the BRICS meet on Thursday. PTI

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> **S. JAISHANKAR,** External Affairs Minister

In the wake of the war in West Asia, the U.S. had granted month-long waivers for oil imports from Iran and Russia, which India took advantage of.

However, the waiver on Iran lapsed last month, and the waiver on Russia, which was extended, is set to expire on May 16, with U.S. officials indicating that there would be no extension. Speaking to the media on April 25, Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent had said he had agreed to the waivers due to requests from "more than 10 of the most vulnerable and poorest countries".

"But I wouldn't imagine that we'd have another extension," he said, adding that the Russian oil available on-board ships that the waiver covered, had already been bought up.

While the NDA government maintains India's traditional position on not accepting non-UN sanctions, in practice it has complied with a series of sanctions from the U.S. for commercial reasons, including on oil from Iran, Russia and Venezuela, trade with Iran and the development of the Chabahar port.

When asked on Wednesday whether India would consider cutting oil imports from Russia as it did in the past, if the U.S. does not extend the waiver on Saturday, External Affairs Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said that the government's policy is "guided by the interests of 1.4 billion Indians". However, he declined to comment on reports that India has asked the U.S. for another extension.

Auto wholesales continue to grow in double-digits in April

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MUMBAI

A total of 18.73 lakh units of two-wheelers were sold in April 2026, up 28.4% over the previous year

The first month of FY 2027 posted high double-digit growth in passenger vehicles (PVs), three-wheelers and two-wheelers, according to wholesales data from the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) on Thursday.

This is in line with continuing sales momentum of the second half of FY 2025-26 following the GST rate cut. In April 2026, the passenger vehicles segment recorded the highest-ever sales of 4.37 lakh units with a growth of 25.4%, over April 2025. The three-wheeler segment also posted its highest ever sales of 0.66 lakh units, registering a growth of 32.8%, compared with April 2025. A total of 18.73 lakh units of two-wheelers were sold in April 2026, up 28.4% over April of the previous year.

"Though there are concerns of high commodity prices emanating from the disruptions in West Asia, the industry has been witnessing good demand," said Rajesh Menon, Director-General, SIAM.

SIAM said total production of PVs, three-wheelers, two-wheelers, and quadricycles in April 2026 was 29,22,427 units.

Air India's $2.79 bn loss drags down Singapore Airlines' profit

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NEW DELHI

Air India posted a full-year loss of $2.79 billion (₹26,798 crore), inflicting a $743 million hit on Singapore Airlines' bottom line in the first full year since the carrier acquired a 25.1% stake in the Tata Group airline, dragging it into a sharp profit decline.

Singapore Airlines (SIA), which holds a 25.1% stake in Air India, reported a 57.4% fall in full-year net profit to $930 million (SGD $1.18 billion) even as operating profit surged 39% to $1.89 billion (SGD 2.4 billion). Its annual statement also showed Air India's hefty annual losses.

FY26 marks the first full year in which SIA absorbed the impact of Air India's losses after acquiring its stake in the merged Air India-Vistara entity in November 2024.

Air India's losses came amid a year marked by multiple headwinds. REUTERS

In a press statement, Singapore Airlines attributed the sharp decline in net profit to "the absence of a prior year one-off accounting gain, coupled with the share of full year losses from Air India."

Last year, SIA had benefited from a $866 million (SGD1.098 bn) non-cash accounting gain arising from the completion of the Air India-Vistara merger.

Air India's losses came amid a year marked by multiple headwinds, including a sharp dent in passenger demand following the June 12, 2025 Ahmedabad crash, weakening travel demand from the U.S. market, ban of Pakistan airspace for Indian carriers, and airspace restrictions in West Asia due to regional tensions that has forced 5-6 hour long detours for Air India flights to North America and sharply raised fuel costs.

On Wednesday, the airline announced a 27% reduction in flights across its international network as soaring aviation turbine fuel costs and operational disruptions weighed heavily on profitability. The impact spilt beyond westbound flights, affecting even east-bound routes.

'Mitsui OSK Lines confident of investing in India'

Saptaparno Ghosh
NEW DELHI

Despite the global headwinds, Mitsui OSK Lines is confident about making investments in India and the momentum has not changed, Jotaro Tamura, President and CEO of the company owning the world's largest vessel fleet told *The Hindu* on Monday.

Mr. Tamura underlined that while the escalating tensions in West Asia and the ensuing impact on shipping might have brought in uncertainties in the short term, Mitsui OSK Lines was focussed on long term.

"For India, in the long-term, we expect the Indian economy to scale up to the next level, therefore, our momentum has not changed," he stated, adding, "Our efforts are focussed on catching up with India's economic growth, and that [confidence about investments in India] remain unchanged. We still look at it as a good opportunity."

Jotaro Tamura

Escalating tensions in West Asia and Tehran's blocking of the Strait of Hormuz had impacted vessel movement across the globe. Responding to a query about the impact on the company, the Mitsui OSK Lines chief noted that the closure of the prominent energy route had led to increase in price of fuel, which the shipping market was increasingly factoring into their operations.

"We have seen oil prices have hiked. The overall shipping market is factoring this onto businesses. As a knock-on effect, with oil prices up, the freight market too has been impacted," he stated, adding from a larger context, "If I take containers for example, it [operational costs] have increased from pre-war levels." Mr. Tamura also said at present Mitsui OSK Lines' priority was to ensure the passage of their ships out of the Persian Gulf.

Elaborating on the Indian opportunity, Mr. Tamura noted that it extended beyond just energy trade to transport of automotives, among other things.

"As the Indian economy grows that would give more impulse to energy [trade] and that will give us more opportunities for charter deals," he stated, adding, "[Further], we are relatively quite big in transport of automotives and India is becoming the export hub for vehicles. As it grows further, we are definitely interested in catching up with demand from customers in the two segments."

The Mitsui OSK Lines chief said that India had "great potential" in its efforts towards green shipping and decarbonisation, as it could be a producer of green energies and become a potential supplier of green hydrogen and ammonia to the world.

"Overall [the global decarbonised shipping] market may have slowed down a bit in the past six to 12 months for varied reasons, that is, in the short term. However, in the mid to long term, we believe the decarbonisation efforts would be unchanged and that is where India can play a role," he stated.

JERUSALEM

UAE denies Netanyahu secretly visited the country during Iran war

REUTERS

After Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said on Wednesday that he quietly visited the UAE during Israeli-U.S. war with Iran, the UAE later denied any secret visit had occurred. The UAE's official *WAM* news agency posted that the country's relations with Israel "are not based on non-transparent arrangements". AP

DAMASCUS

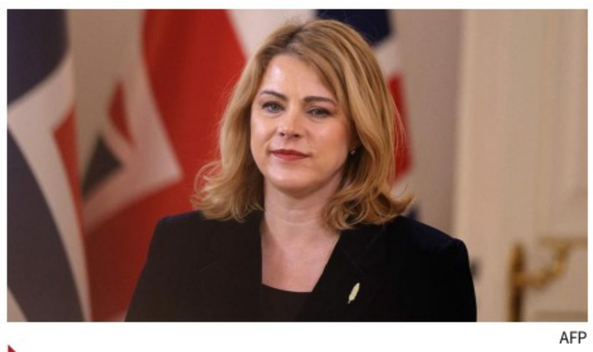
Amnesty calls for probe into Israeli destruction of south Syria homes

AFP

Amnesty International said on Thursday that the Israeli army's destruction of civilian homes in southern Syria since the fall of long-time ruler Bashar al-Assad should be investigated as "war crimes". The rights group said it used satellite imagery to verify damage and destruction to 23 structures in the villages. AFP

RIGA

Latvian Prime Minister resigns over stray Ukrainian drones row



AFP

Latvian Prime Minister Evika Silina resigned on Thursday after her left-leaning Progressives partner quit the coalition, stripping her majority. It followed Defence Minister Andris Spruds' ouster over stray Ukrainian drones breaching Latvian airspace. Ms. Silina's resignation comes just months ahead of general elections. AP

TEHRAN

Iran allows Chinese ships to pass Hormuz Strait since Wednesday

REUTERS

Iran's Revolutionary Guards said on Thursday that naval forces had allowed a number of Chinese ships to pass through the strategic Strait of Hormuz since the previous night. Iran has largely blocked shipping through the vital strait since the outbreak of war with the United States and Israel on February 28. AFP

U.K. Minister resigns, paving way for potential Labour leadership contest

Health Secretary Wes Streeting says he lost confidence in the Prime Minister's leadership; Burnham plans to seek Labour's approval to contest byelection; Starmer vows to fight back in any contest for post; he has 53% support among party members

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

A competition to oust British Prime Minister Keir Starmer from No. 10 Downing Street drew closer on Thursday, with U.K. Health Secretary Wes Streeting – seen for months as a potential contender – resigning, citing recent election losses for Labour and Mr. Starmer's leadership style.

Another potential contender for the top job, Greater Manchester mayor Andy Burnham said he would ask Labour's permission to contest a byelection, allowing him a path to the U.K.'s Parliament and a chance to run against Mr. Starmer.

The Health Secretary said he had surpassed targets set by Mr. Starmer for cutting National Health Service (NHS) waiting lists for medical appointments – a key voter concern.

At the helm: Wes Streeting has for months been viewed as a potential challenger to Keir Starmer within Labour. REUTERS

Despite this, Mr. Streeting said he had chosen to resign "having lost confidence" in the Prime Minister's leadership. He warned of the growing dangers of nationalism, racism and the hard-right Reform UK party. Mr. Starmer too has warned of these, but as for reasons to not plunge the country into "chaos" by having a leadership contest.

Mr. Burnham will seek to replace Josh Simons, a Labour MP who is vacating his seat to trigger a byelection that the popular Manchester mayor can contest. "I can confirm that I will be requesting the permission of the NEC to stand in the Makerfield by-election," Mr. Burnham said on X.

It is far from certain that Mr. Burnham could win the byelection for the constituency, which is in the North West region of England. While Labour beat Reform by 5,399 votes in the 2024 general election for that seat, it did badly in the area in last week's local elections.

A total of 81 MPs is required to officially request a leadership contest. Though over 90 MPs have wanted Mr. Starmer to go following Labour's losses in council and regional elections last week, a sufficient number of lawmakers has not coalesced behind any one contender.

Vow to fight

Mr. Starmer has in recent days vowed to fight back in any contest for his post. The National Executive Committee would decide the timing of any competition for the Prime Minister's job.

"It is now clear that you will not lead the Labour Party into the next general election," Mr. Streeting wrote in his letter dated May 14, adding that Labour MPs and workers' unions associated with Labour wanted a debate on what comes next based on ideas not personalities.

Support for Mr. Streeting was lower than that for Mr. Starmer as per LabourList, which describes itself as a think-tank that supports the Labour Party but is independent of it. According to the poll, Mr. Streeting would secure 23% of support among Labour members, compared with Mr. Starmer's 53%.

Former Deputy Prime Minister Rayner announced on Thursday that she had been exonerated by the tax authorities of wrongdoing and settled her tax bill – the issue over which she had resigned in 2025. Earlier, she had told *The Guardian* that she would not trigger a leadership contest, although she did not rule out contesting in one.

10 killed as Russia hits Kyiv with hundreds of drones

Agence France-Presse
KYIV

Rescuers work at a residential building partially destroyed following Russian drone and missile strikes in Kyiv on Thusrday. AFP

Russia pummelled Kyiv for hours early on Thursday, firing hundreds of drones and dozens of missiles in an attack that killed at least ten persons and further shredded hopes of a halt to Moscow's grinding invasion.

Air raid sirens wailed out over the city before several hours of thunderous explosions and flashes in the sky sent Kyiv residents running to shelter in metro stations.

The Ukrainian air force said Russia had launched 675 attack drones and 56 missiles, mainly at Kyiv, adding its air defence units had downed 652 of the drones and 41 missiles.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said 20 sites in the capital were damaged including homes, a school, a vet clinic and other civilian infrastructure.

Seven bodies were pulled from the rubble of a single destroyed residential building – three men, three women, and a young girl, the police said.

Another 45 people were wounded.

Ballistic challenge

Russian attacks also wounded people in the southern regions of Odesa and Kherson, and in the eastern region of Kharkiv.

"These are definitely not the actions of those who believe the war is coming to an end. It is important that partners do not remain silent about this strike," Mr. Zelenskyy said. "The most difficult challenge is defending against ballistic missiles."

Ukraine said it shot down 94% of all drones and 73% of the missiles fired by Russia.

A slew of Ukraine's allies, including the United Kingdom, Estonia, Latvia, Finland, the Netherlands, Moldova, and Slovakia condemned the fatal attacks.

EU chief Ursula von der Leyen says Kyiv attacks show that Russia "openly mocks" efforts to end the war.

Russia said the wave of missiles and drones had targeted military-linked sites and energy facilities that support the Ukrainian army.

Iran says UAE an 'active partner' in U.S.-Israeli war

Agence France-Presse
TEHRAN

Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi on Thursday accused the United Arab Emirates of playing an active role in the U.S.-Israeli war against his country.

"The UAE is an active partner in this aggression, and there is no doubt about it," Mr. Araghchi said in a Telegram post.

Mr. Araghchi also referred to what Israel has described as a "secret" meeting in the UAE during the war between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and UAE President Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

"I must say that the UAE was directly involved in the act of aggression against my country. When this aggression began, they even refused to condemn it," he said.

Lebanon and Israel hold new peace talks in U.S. as 'ceasefire' nears end

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

Lebanon and Israel held new peace talks in Washington on Thursday, as their latest ceasefire – considered to still be in place despite hundreds of deaths in Israeli strikes – nears its end.

Israel's military said it was striking Hezbollah targets in south Lebanon on Thursday after warning residents of several towns and villages there and in the country's east to evacuate. It also said a Hezbollah drone fell in Israeli territory, wounding several civilians.

Lebanese and Israeli representatives last met on April 23 at the White House

Lebanon's state-run *National News Agency* reported Israeli air strikes on the south and east, including in areas not covered by the warning, a day after the Health Ministry said intense raids killed 22 people, eight of them children.

Lebanese and Israeli representatives last met on April 23 at the White House, where a three-week ceasefire extension was announced.

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Blackouts, protests break out as Cuba says fuel has 'run out'

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HAVANA

Cuba was hit by worsening power outages on Thursday as the island's communist government said oil reserves had run out and rare protests broke out around the capital Havana.

Eastern Cuba was plunged on Thursday into the latest of regular electricity shutdowns affecting the whole country, while people protested against power outages in neighbourhoods around Havana, in the west of the island.

Oil reserves sent by Russia have now "run out," Energy Minister Vicente de la O Levy told state television, describing the situation as "very tense".

"The heat continues to rise, and the impact of the blockade is indeed causing us significant harm... because we are still not receiving fuel."

U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio renewed an offer of $100 million in aid on the condition that the assistance be distributed by the Catholic Church, bypassing the government.

Miguel Diaz-Canel

'Ready for talks'

"We are ready to hear the details of the proposal and how it would be implemented," said Cuba's top diplomat, Bruno Rodriguez, on social media.

A resident of San Miguel del Padron, a neighbourhood on the outskirts of Havana, said that people had protested the power cuts by banging pots and pans on Wednesday evening.

Several other similar small protests were held in neighbourhoods across the capital to express widespread frustration.

"Turn on the lights!" shouted residents in Playa, a district in the western part of the capital.

President Miguel Diaz-Canel on Wednesday blamed a U.S.-imposed "genocidal energy blockade" on Cuba for its grim energy shortages.

Data compiled showed prolonged blackouts and record generation shortfalls in recent days – 65% of Cuban territory endured simultaneous blackouts on Tuesday.

"This dramatic worsening has a single cause: the genocidal energy blockade to which the United States subjects our country, threatening irrational tariffs against any nation that supplies us with fuel," Mr. Diaz-Canel said.

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CHASE MASTER

Some of the shots Kohli played were simply remarkable: Padikkal

EMMANUAL YOGINI

Devdutt Padikkal had the best seat in the house to watch Virat Kohli's hundred for RCB against KKR in Raipur. "Some of the shots he played were simply remarkable. Coming into the game after two ducks is never easy, and he showed who he is," said Padikkal who was involved in a second-wicket stand of 92 with Kohli.

ONE OF A KIND

Varun is hard to replace: KKR coach Nayar after loss to RCB

FILE PHOTO: RITU RAJ KONWAR

KKR head coach Abhishek Nayar rued the unavailability of ace spinner Varun Chakaravarthy in his side's defeat to RCB in Raipur. "It is an open secret that we have done very well with the Sunny [Narine] and Varun combo. He's got a fracture in his foot. We'll always miss a Varun Chakaravarthy, and he's hard to replace."

IN AND OUT

CSK names all-rounder Forrester as replacement for Overton

FILE PHOTO: VIJAY SONEJI

Chennai Super Kings has named Dian Forrester as a replacement for Jamie Overton, who has been ruled out of the remainder of IPL 2026 due to a right thigh injury. The South African all-rounder will join CSK for ₹75 lakh. The 25-year-old left-hand batter will join the squad ahead of the match against SRH in Chennai.

DESTRUCTIVE PLAYERS

Fleming backs Dube and Brevis to finish the season on a high

SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

CSK head coach Stephen Fleming is confident that Shivam Dube and Dewald Brevis can produce good performances. "Brevis and Dube are due [for some runs]... this could be their time. Sometimes when you have a situation like this, people appear, and we're hopeful that those two will finish the tournament on a high."

Tilak keeps his cool at the crunch as MI hands PBKS a fifth straight loss

The southpaw's unbeaten 33-ball 75 helps the Mumbai outfit chase down 201 with one delivery to spare; Shardul scalps four for the victor

IPL-19

Abhishek Saini
DHARAMSHALA

Tilak Varma (75 n.o., 33b, 6x4, 6x6) kept up with a mounting asking rate, stood till the end, and took Mumbai Indians to a six-wicket victory over Punjab Kings in IPL 2026 at the HPCA Stadium here on Thursday.

For a second straight game, PBKS squandered a defence from a winning position, which extended its losing run to five games and delivered a gut-punch to its playoffs hopes.

Turning it around

The home side was the favourite with five overs left and MI needing 72 runs. But MI truly started believing after Tilak and Sherfane Ruthurford hit Yuzvendra Chahal for 20 runs in the 16th over, which included an inventive switch hit past short fine.

Tilak added another 16 in boundaries in a 22-run 18th over bowled by Marco Jansen that nudged Mumbai even closer. He started with a pummel over mid-wicket for six before depositing two hits past the pacer for 10 runs.

Will Jacks hit sixes off the first balls of the penultimate and final overs and eased the pressure on Tilak.

With eight needed off the last three, the southpaw duly hit two successive sixes to seal the chase.

Splendid efforts: Shardul and Tilak were the star performers for MI while Omarzai's fireworks went in vain. R.V. MOORTHY

Ryan Rickelton had handed Mumbai the ideal start with a 23-ball 48.

Late charge

In the first innings, PBKS had to strive hard for its 200 for eight and got there only because of Azmatullah Omarzai's late assault.

Shardul Thakur's hit-the-deck approach got him four for 39, and sent the Kings innings into a tailspin. The host lost six wickets for 33 runs off 30 deliveries through the middle overs and even faced the prospect of being bowled out.

Flurry of boundaries

But Omarzai picked Shardul and Corbin Bosch over mid-wicket for boundaries, before getting 18 off Deepak Chahar in the 18th over to change the course of the innings. Earlier, Prabhsimran Singh made the most of two reprieves, on five and 28, to set Punjab a solid platform with his 32-ball 57.

Vital strikes

But Shardul dragged MI back with his four wickets, which was vital in restricting the Kings.

Next assignment

PBKS: May 17 vs. RCB Dharamshala, 3.30 p.m.

MI: May 20 vs. KKR Kolkata, 7.30 p.m.

SCOREBOARD

PUNJAB KINGS
Priyansh Arya b Chahar 22 *(17b, 4x4)*, Prabhsimran Singh c Bosch b Shardul 57 *(32b, 6x4, 4x6)*, Cooper Connolly b Bawa 21 *(22b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Shreyas Iyer b Shardul 4 *(2b, 1x4)*, Suryansh Shedge c Bawa b Shardul 8 *(5b, 1x6)*, Shashank Singh lbw b Bosch 2 *(3b)*, Azmatullah Omarzai c Jacks b Chahar 38 *(17b, 2x4, 4x6)*, Marco Jansen b Shardul 2 *(7b)*, Vishnu Vinod **(Impact Player for Prabhsimran)** (not out) 15 *(8b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Xavier Bartlett (not out) 18 *(7b, 2x4, 1x6)*; Extras (b-5, lb-1, w-7): 13; Total (for eight wkts. in 20 overs): 200.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-50 (Priyansh, 5.3 overs), 2-107 (Prabhsimran, 11.2), 3-111 (Shreyas, 11.4), 4-111 (Connolly, 12.3), 5-123 (Shedge, 13.2), 6-135 (Shashank, 14.4), 7-140 (Jansen, 16.2), 8-166 (Omarzai, 17.6).

MUMBAI INDIANS BOWLING
Chahar 4-0-36-2, Bumrah 4-0-35-0, Shardul 4-0-39-4, Bosch 4-0-42-1, Raghu 2-0-22-0, Jacks 1-0-9-0, Bawa 1-0-11-1.

MUMBAI INDIANS
Rohit Sharma **(Impact Player for Raghu)** b Chahal 25 *(26b, 2x6)*, Ryan Rickelton c Priyansh b Omarzai 48 *(23b, 4x4, 4x6)*, Naman Dhir c Arshdeep b Jansen 9 *(6b, 1x6)*, Tilak Varma (not out) 75 *(33b, 6x4, 6x6)*, Sherfane Rutherford c Bartlett b Omarzai 20 *(21b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Will Jacks (not out) 25 *(10b, 2x4, 2x6)*; Extras (w-3): 3; Total (for four wkts. in 19.5 overs): 205.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-61 (Rickelton, 6.3), 2-81 (Naman, 8.5), 3-88 (Rohit, 9.3), 4-149 (Rutherford, 16.3).

KINGS BOWLING
Arshdeep 4-0-29-0, Omarzai 4-0-36-2, Jansen 4-0-55-1, Bartlett 3.5-0-53-0, Chahal 4-0-32-1.

Toss: MI; **PoM:** Tilak.
MI won by six wickets with a ball to spare.

Catch, Shivam, catch! Dube's fielding has been below-par this season. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

A win will do a world of good for CSK

S. Dipak Ragav
LUCKNOW

Chennai Super Kings will be acutely aware of the need to avoid complacency when it takes on Lucknow Super Giants for the second time in five days, this time at the Ekana Stadium here on Friday.

On Sunday in Chennai, CSK prevailed by five wickets, thereby putting LSG out of playoff contention in IPL 2026.

It was Super Kings' third victory on the bounce, and the Yellow Army has built momentum at the right time in the fight for a top-four spot.

Still, the Chennai outfit, which has 12 points, needs to win at least two, if not all three, of its remaining games to give itself the best shot of progressing to the knockouts.

On the eve of the match, the team received another injury blow after all-rounder Jamie Overton, one of its standout performers this season, was ruled out of the competition due to a thigh injury. Even in the previous encounter, it was the Englishman who stopped LSG from posting a daunting total with his twin strike in the 10th over, including that of the well-set Josh Inglis.

The setback comes at a time when there are still areas of concern for the five-time champion on the batting front. In the chase of 204, Urvil Patel's stunning 23-ball 65 had brought the asking rate down to under seven at one point. But once he was dismissed, the middle-order made heavy weather of a straightforward chase, stretching it to the final over.

Shivam Dube and Dewald Brevis have looked out of sorts so far, and the duo needs to step up before it proves costly.

For the hosts, the focus shifts to testing their bench strength and building towards the future. Unburdened by expectations, can Rishabh Pant's men give their fans something to cheer for?

Heavy metal at the top: the openers rule striking chart

Srinivas Sriram

The ongoing IPL season has not been short of explosiveness.

Chennai Super Kings dasher Urvil Patel's blockbuster 65 off just 23 balls against Lucknow Super Giants, at a strike rate of 282.61, was a microcosm of the hard hitting that has been on display.

The league-wide PowerPlay run rate has gone past 10, an increase from 9.51 last year. Teams are taking more risks, which is allowing high-intent talent to shine. Rajasthan Royals' Vaibhav Sooryavanshi is one such player who has lit up the tournament.

The 15-year-old has amassed 440 runs in 11 matches at 236.55, the highest strike rate in the league so far (minimum five innings). Among his standout performances was a 103 off 37 balls against Sunrisers Hyderabad in Jaipur.

Punjab Kings' Priyansh Arya (364 runs in 11 innings), Sooryavanshi's closest challenger, has a strike rate of 216.66. The southpaw was at his belligerent best when he took only 37 balls to smack 93 against LSG in New Chandigarh.

It is the openers who dominate the 'super strikers' chart, with six of the best 10 batting at the top of the order. The stats show that top-order batters continue to have a huge say, and the numbers are only improving: there were five openers in the top 10 in 2025, four in 2024 and two in 2023.

The current list also includes SRH's Abhishek Sharma (481 runs, 12 matches, strike rate of 209.13), Finn Allen (228, 8, 207.27) of Kolkata Knight Riders, Ryan Rickelton (430, 10, 190.26) from Mumbai Indians, and Delhi Capitals' K.L. Rahul (477, 12, 177.98).

The game is now all about the top-order going for broke from the get-go and soaring up the charts.

Points table

	M	W	L	NR	PTS	NRR
Royal Challengers	12	8	4	0	16	1.053
Gujarat Titans	12	8	4	0	16	0.551
Sunrisers Hyderabad	12	7	5	0	14	0.331
Punjab Kings	12	6	5	1	13	0.355
Chennai Super Kings	11	6	5	0	12	0.185
Rajasthan Royals	11	6	5	0	12	0.082
Delhi Capitals	12	5	7	0	10	-0.993
Kolkata Knight Riders	11	4	6	1	9	-0.198
Mumbai Indians (E)	12	4	8	0	8	-0.504
Lucknow Super Giants (E)	11	3	8	0	6	-0.907

E: Eliminated

Raghuvanshi — repaying the faith shown by Knight Riders

Anish Pathiyil
RAIPUR

On the eve of Kolkata Knight Riders' IPL 2026 encounter against Royal Challengers Bengaluru here, assistant coach Shane Watson waxed lyrical about Angkrish Raghuvanshi in the pre-match press conference.

"I've been so fortunate over the years in the IPL to see some ridiculously talented young cricketers," the Australian said. "I remember seeing Sanju Samson for the first time. I'd never seen a 17-year-old with that skill development. I continue to see that with Vaibhav Soorayavanshi. Angkrish is another one of those," he said.

"I know we haven't seen a consistent explosion of skill, but we will. It's mind-blowing for me to be able to see his ability to adapt to different conditions, different bowlers and have all the skill options and shot options to be able to navigate that as well as he possibly can," he added.

Raghuvanshi. EMMANUAL YOGINI

On Wednesday, against RCB, the 21-year-old gave a clear account of what his coach had explained the day before. Coming in to bat after the fall of an early wicket and seeing his skipper depart soon after, the young Mumbai batter had his back against the wall.

But during a knock in which he displayed immense maturity and exceptional reading of the conditions on offer, the lanky batter tallied his highest score in the IPL to lead the way with the bat for his side. "I was very impressed with the way he batted because the ball was really nipping around initially. [Josh] Hazlewood and Bhuvi [Bhuvneshwar Kumar] were hitting the length. I felt he was tactically very astute," KKR head coach Abhishek Nayar said after the game.

"I thought he paced his innings well. Played square of the wicket, used the angles really well, picked his bowlers. I didn't really feel that he was uncomfortable at any point. He belonged there, and that really stood out to me," he added.

We've been unlucky with injuries: Fleming

S. Dipak Ragav
LUCKNOW

Chennai Super Kings head coach Stephen Fleming felt that the team has been unlucky with injuries so far after Jamie Overton became the fifth player to be ruled out this season.

Overton joined Khaleel Ahmed, Ayush Mhatre, and Ramakrishna Ghosh, all of whom picked up injuries during a match. Nathan Ellis was ruled out even before the campaign began.

"It is unlucky. A couple of the boys came into the competition with niggles. Ghosh was one of those that we were nursing through, and then he had a fall, so that was unfortunate," said Fleming.

The former New Zealand skipper said the team is aware of the pattern of injuries and is looking into it. "We're not doing anything to put strain on these guys. They've all been playing a lot of cricket; it's just one of those things. But we're certainly not turning a blind eye to it. We are working very hard on recovery, and we have a very professional staff who have been with us for a number of years, so that area is well looked after," he added.

Despite the injuries and a slow start, CSK has come back strongly, winning six out of its last eight matches, and Fleming said he was pleased with how the youngsters have stepped up.

"We are really pleased with the way the players have improved. To be in this position now is something many thought we wouldn't be, but the group's been really strong. Given the core of young players, going forward, I think it's quite exciting".

Today's match

Lucknow, 7.30 p.m.

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PREVIOUS MEETING
CSK won by **five wickets**, 2026

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INBRIEF

Bronze for Ajith in Asian weightlifting championships

Ajith Narayana secured a bronze medal each in both clean & jerk and overall in the men's 71kg category at the Asian senior weightlifting championships in Gandhinagar on Thursday. Ajith registered a total lift of 314kg, including 174kg in clean & jerk, to earn India a place on the podium. The gold was won by Korean Won Ju Ri with a total of 351kg, while China's Jian Chen claimed silver with 335kg.

SNAPSHOTS

Man City sees off Palace to keep pressure on Arsenal

MANCHESTER: Manchester City's second string eased past Crystal Palace 3-0 on Wednesday to climb just two points behind Premier League leader Arsenal with two games remaining of a captivating title race. The three-goal win takes City to 77 points, two behind Arsenal. City now has superior goal difference of +1 and has scored seven more goals. Newly-crowned Spanish champion Barcelona suffered a 1-0 defeat by Alaves on Wednesday, ending its bid to match the all-time LaLiga record points total of 100.

The results: Premier League: Manchester City 3 (Semenyo 32, Marmoush 40, Savinho 84) bt Crystal Palace 0. **LaLiga:** Espanyol 2 (Milla 69, Garcia 90+2) bt Bilbao 0; Villarreal 2 (Gerard 13, Mikautadze 20) lost to Sevilla 3 (Oso 36, Salas 45+2, Adams 72); Alaves 1 (Diabate 45+1) bt Barcelona 0; Getafe 3 (Satriano 14, 41, Romero 63) bt Mallorca 1 (Mascarell 65).

Inter clinches the Italian Cup

ROME: Inter Milan won the Italian Cup on Wednesday after beating Lazio 2-0 and completing a domestic double alongside its 21st Serie A title. An Adam Marusic own goal and Lautaro Martinez's tap-in, both in the first half, gave Inter both a victory and 10th Cup triumph.

Sooryavanshi in India-A squad for SL tri-series

NEW DELHI: Teenage batting prodigy Vaibhav Sooryavanshi was on Thursday named in the 15-member India-A squad for the tri-nation 50-over series in Sri Lanka, starting on June 9. Apart from the hosts, the other team in the tournament is Afghanistan-A. The matches will be played in Dambulla. India-A will also play two multi-day (four-day) 'Tests' in Galle but the squad for that will be announced later. India A will play Sri Lanka-A (June 9 and 15) and Afghanistan-A (June 11 and 17) twice and the top two teams will meet in the final slated on June 21.

India-A squad: Tilak Varma (Capt.), Riyan Parag (Vice-capt.), Priyansh Arya, Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, Ayush Badoni, Nishant Sindhu, Harsh Dubey, Suryansh Shedge, Prabhsimran Singh (wk), Kumar Kushagra (wk), Vipraj Nigam, Yash Thakur, Yudhvir Singh, Anshul Kamboj, and Arshad Khan.

India's schedule:

June 9: vs Sri Lanka-A, 11: vs Afghanistan-A, 15: vs Sri Lanka-A, 17: vs Afghanistan-A. (All matches in Dambulla).

HI names Soyez as Sreejesh's successor

A day after confirming the end of P.R. Sreejesh's tenure as head coach of the junior men's team, Hockey India (HI) named former France and Spain coach Frederic Soyez as his successor. The 48-year-old Frenchman pipped compatriot and former colleague Aymeric Bergamo to the job, thanks to his vast experience which includes his stint as high performance director for France Hockey. Soyez earned 196 caps for France, scoring 195 goals, and later coached France and Spain at the Olympics – Spain in 2016 and 2020 and France in 2024.

Muddappa crowned champion after IMSAC verdict

CHENNAI: Hemanth Muddappa of Mantra Racing has officially been declared the 2025 National champion in the premier unrestricted class after the Indian Motor Sports Appeals Court (IMSAC) restored his title from the final round of the MMSC FMSCI Indian National Motorcycle Drag Racing Championship held last December. The controversy stemmed from an alleged jump start during the final run of the Unrestricted category. Muddappa immediately contested the decision, maintaining that there was no forward or backward movement of the motorcycle. The ruling not only restores Muddappa's victory in the championship-deciding round at the Madras International Circuit, but also gives him a historic 18th National title, making him the most decorated two-wheeler National champion in Indian motorsport history.

LIVE TELECAST

IFL: Sony Sports Ten 5 & LIV, 6.30 p.m.

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High-flying Royal Challengers feel at home in unfamiliar conditions

Though the defending champion has won only two of its five away games this season, Patidar's men have come out on top in both their fixtures at Raipur, which is their second home venue; talisman Kohli's remarkable run has been a key feature of RCB being on the verge of a playoff spot

Still going strong: Seasoned campaigners Bhuvneshwar and Kohli have been instrumental in RCB's surge to the top of the table. EMMANUAL YOGINI

IPL-19

Natalia Hannah Rice

Royal Challengers Bengaluru's title-winning campaign in IPL 2025 was defined by its away form. RCB became the first team in IPL history to win all seven away league matches, recording victories at Kolkata, Chennai, Mumbai, Jaipur, New Chandigarh, New Delhi and Lucknow. That consistency across varied conditions proved central to its run to the title, culminating in a six-run victory over Punjab Kings in the final at Ahmedabad that ended an 18-year long wait.

The question entering IPL 2026 was whether that away success was a one-season wonder.

With two matches remaining in the league phase, Royal Challengers sit atop the table with 16 points, having once again relied heavily on performances away from the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium.

Unlike last season, the side has managed victories in only two of its first five away fixtures this year, though its adaptability outside Bengaluru continues to remain central to its campaign. Rajat Patidar's men have won both their games at their second home venue Raipur.

Virat Kohli's unbeaten 105 against Kolkata Knight Riders at Raipur also carried a significant personal milestone. The innings took him past 14,000 runs in T20 cricket. Kohli became the fastest batter to reach the mark, getting there in 409 innings and surpassing the previous record held by Chris Gayle (423).

Terrific record

Of those runs, 4,188 have come in T20 Internationals for the Men in Blue, while 9,145 have been scored in the IPL for Royal Challengers across nearly two decades with the franchise. He also became the first Indian batter to cross the 14,000-run mark in the format, underlining a career built as much on consistency and longevity as on strokeplay and run-scoring volume.

Royal Challengers face Punjab Kings at Dharamshala on Sunday with a playoff berth nearly secured and another strong away performance potentially decisive in shaping its route through the knockout stage.

Ability to adapt

The side's ability to adapt quickly to unfamiliar conditions has increasingly become one of its defining characteristics across the last two IPL seasons.

That consistency has once again placed the franchise among the tournament's strongest playoff contenders.

Tyagi takes out Stewart, advances to the semifinals

TENNIS

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

Cutting short: Ivashka ended Manish's run with a straight-set win. K. MURALI KUMAR

Kriish Tyagi stunned second seed Hamish Stewart 7-6(7), 5-7, 6-4, to scalp the biggest win of his fledgling career, and advance to the semifinals of the Karnataka Open ATP Challenger at the S.M. Krishna Tennis Stadium here on Thursday.

The 19-year-old saved three break points in the ninth game to force a tie-breaker in the first set before winning it. Stewart (World No. 328) won the second before Tyagi broke serve to take a 5-4 lead in the decider.

The World No. 1332 soon sealed the encounter which lasted two hours and 40 minutes.

Tyagi did well to counter Stewart's big serves.

"I have played big servers before and learnt that if I can make two good returns, they suddenly don't know what to do.

"I just tried to stay solid and keep putting the ball back in play," Tyagi said on countering Stewart's big serves.

Tyagi will face fourth seed Philip Sekulic of Australia in the last-four on Friday.

Fellow Indian Manish Sureshkumar went down 3-6, 3-6 to former World No. 40 Ilya Ivashka, while American Keegan Smith got the better of the Serb Ognjen Milic 7-6(5), 6-3.

The results (quarterfinals): Ilya Ivashka bt Manish Sureshkumar 6-3, 6-3; Keegan Smith (USA) bt Ognjen Milic (Srb) 7-6(5), 6-3; Philip Sekulic (Aus) bt Maximus Jones (Tha) 6-7(6), 6-3, 6-1; Kriish Tyagi bt Hamish Stewart (GBr) 7-6(7), 5-7, 6-4.

Doubles: Petr Bar Biryukov & Grigoriy Lomakin (Kaz) bt Sergey Betov & Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan 4-6, 7-5, [10-8]; Prajwal Dev & Nitin Kumar Sinha bt Jeffrey Chuan (Tpe) & Christopher Papa (USA) 6-4, 7-5.

Niki Poonacha & Saketh Myneni bt Sidharth Rawat & Manish Sureshkumar 6-3, 7-6(3); Adil Kalyanpur & Mukund Sasikumar bt Dominik Palan (Cze) & Digvijaypratap Singh 7-6(5), 6-3.

Sindhu and Lakshya enter Thailand Open quarterfinals

BADMINTON

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BANGKOK

Indian shuttlers P.V. Sindhu and Lakshya Sen, along with the top-seeded men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, advanced to the quarterfinals of the $500,000 Thailand Open Super 500 bdminton tournament with straight-game wins in their respective matches here on Thursday.

Sixth seed Sindhu needed just 28 minutes to outclass Denmark's Amalie Schulz 21-13, 21-15 in the women's singles second round, while seventh seed Lakshya defeated China's Zhu Xuan Chen 21-12, 21-13 in a men's singles clash that lasted 39 minutes.

Sindhu will next face top seed and World No. 3 Akane Yamaguchi of Japan, while Lakshya will take on Thailand's second seed Kunlavut Vitidsarn.

Satwiksairaj and Chirag posted a 21-12, 21-19 win over Malaysia's Bryan Jeremy Gooting and Muhammad Haikal in 44 minutes to set up a meeting with the sixth-seeded Japanese combination of Takumi Nomura and Yuichi Shimogami.

Easing through: Lakshya had the measure of Zhu in straight games. INSTAGRAM/BAI_MEDIA

However, K. Srikanth crashed out after going down 16-21, 21-11, 18-21 to Taiwan's Su Li Yang in a hard-fought contest lasting 70 minutes.

It was also the end of the road for young Devika Sihag as she lost 21-23, 11-21 to Thailand's Pitchamon Opatniputh. Malvika Bansod also exited, losing to second seed Chen Yu Fei of China 21-12, 21-7.

The results (round-of-16):
Men: Lakshya Sen bt Zhu Xuan Chen (Chn) 21-12, 21-13; Su Li Yang (Tpe) bt K. Srikanth 21-16, 11-21, 21-18.
Doubles: Satwiksairaj Rankireddy & Chirag Shetty bt Bryan Jeremy Goonting & Muhammad Haikal (Mas) 21-12, 21-19.
Women: P.V. Sindhu bt Amalie Schulz (Den) 21-13, 21-15; Pitchamon Opatniputh (Tha) bt Devika Sihag 23-21, 21-11; Chen Yu Fei (Chn) bt Malvika Bansod 21-12, 21-7.

Indian pugilists win nine gold in Asian under-15 boxing

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TASHKENT

Packing a punch: *Top:* Anzee (37kg); Soniya (40kg); Tanvi (43kg); Hansika (46kg); Sunaina (58kg); *Bottom:* Bhumika (61kg); Angel (70kg); Yash (33kg); Mohd. Yasser (58kg). SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

India finished with an impressive 27 medals, including nine gold, six silver and 12 bronze, with the girls accounted for seven gold, two silver and five bronze, at the Asian boxing under-15 championships in Tashkent on Thursday.

Dominant

Among the girls, Anzee (37kg), Soniya (40kg), Tanvi (43kg), Hanshika Attri (46kg), Sunaina (58kg), Bhumika (61kg) and Angel (70kg) clinched gold with dominant performances, while Akshita (33kg) and Tannvi (64kg) took silver after losing closely-fought finals.

In the boys' section, Yash Kumar (33kg) and Mohd. Yasser (58kg) triumphed while Sastha Vasanth Ashok Kumar (37kg), Samir Bohra (43kg), Sudarsan Vasudeva Chandak (52kg) and Ronak Parag Lokhande (67kg) secured silver.

The results (finals):
Girls: 33kg: Odina Yusupova (Uzb) bt Akshita 3-2; **37kg**: Anzee bt Nurzhanat Beknazar (Kaz) 5-0; **40kg:** Soniya bt Bominakhon (Uzb) 5-0; **43kg**: Tanvi bt Han-Hsi Chen (Tpe) ABD.
46kg: Hanshika Attri bt Sabrina Adilkhanova (Kaz) RSC; **58kg:** Sunaina bt Mukaddas Zokirova (Uzb) RSC.
61kg: Bhumika bt Aiaru Faizullayeva (Kaz) RSC; **64kg:** Malika Ulugbekova (Uzb) bt Tannvi 5-0.
70kg: Angel bt Khonzodabegim Baratova 4-1.
Boys: 33kg: Yash Kumar bt Sayat Rakhymberdi (Kaz) 3-2.
37kg: Fayozbek Noraliev (Uzb) bt Sastha Vasanth Ashok Kumar 5-0; **43kg:** Beibarys Koishybay (Kaz) bt Samir Bohra 4-1.
52kg: Javohir Nematjonov (Uzb) bt Sudarsan Vasudeva Chandak 5-0; **58kg:** Mohd. Yasser bt Abdulloh Karimjonov (Uzb) 3-2; **67kg:** Amanzhan Zhanay (Kaz) bt Ronak Parag Lokhande RSC.

Ravi-Vikas combination makes the last-four stage

DOUBLES SQUASH

K. Keerthivasan
CHENNAI

Ravi Dixit reached his second straight men's semifinal at the HCL National doubles squash championships, combining with Vikas Mehra to battle past Mathew Godwin and Navaneeth Prabhu 11-7, 10-12, 11-7 in a gripping clash at the Indian Squash & Triathlon Academy on Thursday.

The higher-ranked duo of Ravi and Vikas was on the cusp of victory when it earned a match point at 10-9 in the second game. However, two backhand errors from Ravi allowed Mathew and Navaneeth to push the contest into the decider. Fittingly, it was Ravi who delivered the final punch, producing a backhand cross-court winner.

Fighting it out: Vikas and Ravi, both in red, were made to work hard for the win. R. RAGU

Top seeds Abhay Singh and Velavan Senthilkumar began their title defence with a 11-4, 11-2 win over Shubham and Vedant Patel to seal a last-four berth.

The results: Men:
Quarterfinals: Abhay Singh & Velavan Senthilkumar bt Shubham & Vedant Patel 11-4, 11-2; Ravi Dixit & Vikas Mehra bt Mathew Godwin & Navaneeth Prabhu 11-7, 10-12, 11-7; Guhan Senthilkumar & Sandhesh bt Harinderpal Singh Sandhu & Om Semwal 11-7, 2-11, 11-8; Rahul Baitha & Suraj Chand bt R. Dinesh & L. Meyappan 11-6, 11-6.

Women: Group A: Joshna Chinappa & Rathika Seelan bt Sahana Kalaivanan & Sangamitra Shanmugham 11-2, 11-7; Ananya Narayan & Anika Dubey bt Sahana & Sangamitra 11-2, 11-1.

Mixed: Quarterfinals: Velavan & Joshna bt Roshan Rajkumar & Sahana 11-4, 11-5; Suraj & Nirupama Dubey bt Navaneeth & Pooja Arthi 11-9, 12-10; Abhay & Rathika bt Ravi & Janet Vidhi 10-12, 11-8, 11-9; Rahul & Anika bt Sandhesh & Shameena Riaz 10-12, 11-6, 11-8.

Central Coalfields Limited
"A Miniratna Company"
(A Subsidiary of Coal India Limited)

NOTICE

"All the tenders issued by CIL and its Subsidiaries for procurement of Goods, Works and Services are available on website of Coal India Ltd. **www.coalindia.in/** respective Subsidiary Company (CCL, **www.centralcoalfields.in**), CIL e-procurement portal **https://coalindiatenders.nic.in** and Central Public Procurement Portal **https://eprocure.gov.in** in addition, procurement is also done through GeM portal **https://gem.gov.in".**

TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF TELANGANA LIMITED
Vidyut Soudha, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-500082

E - PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

The TGTRANSCO invites bids online for the following works.

Spec. No.: e- TSTLI 01/2026, **Name of work:** Supply of material/Equipment, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of (i) Erection of 220KV DC line (37KM) from 220/132KV SS Sadashivpet to M/s. Zaheerabad NIMZ Ltd. (ii) 2Nos 220KV Bay extensions at 220/132KV SS Sadhashivpet and (iii) 2Nos 220KV Bay extensions and 1No. Metering bay at M/s. Zaheerabad NIMZ Limited in Sangareddy District against the Tender Specification No. e-TSTLI-01/2026 on Turnkey basis. **Tender Availability on web site: 20-05-2026.**

NOTE: Further details can be seen in website: **tender.telangana.gov.in**

Fax No.: 040-23323565, Phone No.: 040-23396000, Extn.: 3552, 3424, 3672, 3305.

DIPR R.O. No.: 129-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/2026-27 Sd/- Chief Engineer, Lift Irrigation Schemes

Government of Karnataka - Karnataka Forest Department

Office of The Assistant Conservator of Forests, Koppa Division, Koppa.

No. B1:BGT:CR:39/2025-26 Date: 16.04.2026

Public Tender Notice

e-Tender is invited with last date of 23.05.2026 for the work of constructing Rail Barricade for 2.810 kms from Sarya to Karkoota in the limits of Chikkagrahara Zone of Koppa Forest Division for the year 2026-27. Approx. amount of work of e-Tender fixed is Rs. 3,99,03,111/-. Participate in the e-Tender subject to all conditions in the Tender Notification of this office dated 16.04.2026. Further information can be obtained from https://kppp/karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Assistant Conservator of Forests, Koppa Division, Koppa.

DIPR/smg/ksmca/26-27/33/226

ANDHRA PRADESH STATE CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LIMITED
Head Office:10-152/1, Ashoknagar, Bandar Road, Vijayawada-520007

Mktg/M6/0888/ICDS/FP.Oil Tender/July, 26 to Sep, 26 Dt.: 14.05.2026

SHORT TENDER NOTICE

BIDS ARE INVITED FROM THE ELIGIBLE BIDDERS FOR SUPPLY OF 1092 KLS OF EDIBLE FORTIFIED P.OIL WITH VITAMIN A & D IN ONE (1) LITRE & HALF (1/2) LITRE WITH SECONDARY PACKING SHALL BE 12/16 LITER POUCHES IN 1 CARTOON TO ALL MLS POINTS OF THREE ZONES COMPRISING OF 28 DISTRICTS IN ANDHRA PRADESH FOR DISTRIBUTION UNDER ICDS/THR SCHEME FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY 2026 TO SEPTEMBER 2026 THROUGH NCDEX e Markets Limited (NeML) PLATFORM.

Andhra Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd invites Short Tenders for supply of 1092 KLs of Fortified Edible P.Oil with Vitamin A & D in One (1) Litre & Half (1/2) Litre with Secondary Packing shall be 12/16 Liter Pouches in 1 Cartoon to all MLS Points of the three zones comprising of 28 Districts in Andhra Pradesh.

All the interested bidders within Andhra Pradesh may visit **www.apscscl.in & www.neml.in** to view and download tender documents at free of cost.

Interested bidders need to register in portal as vendor i.e., in NCDEX e Markets Limited **Contact: Tel: 9962059599 or 9032429420 or 9885549722 and Email: askus@neml.in.**

Last date for registration and completion of formalities for the e-auction shall be up to **24.05.2026 upto 5.00 pm** and the tentative date of online e-auction through **NCDEX e-MARKETS LIMITED (NEML)** platform would be **26.05.2026 at 11:30 am** onwards.

Sd/- VC & MANAGING DIRECTOR

ಕಾರ್ಕಳ ಪುರಸಭೆ
ಕಾರ್ಕಳ-574104, ಉಡುಪಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ.
TOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, KARKALA, UDUPI DIST.
Ph: 08258-230292, 08258-231023, Fax: 08258-235664
Email: itstaff_ulb_karkala@yahoo.co.in, tmckarkala@yahoo.co.in
Web: www.karkalatown.mrc.gov.in

ಕಾಪುಸ:ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ವಿಭಾಗ:ಸಿಆರ್:118:15ನೇ.ಹ.ಕಾ.ಯೋ/2025-26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 06.05.2026

ಕಾರ್ಕಳ ಪುರಸಭೆ
ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕಾರ್ಕಳ ಪುರಸಭೆಯ 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 ಹಾಗೂ 2024-25ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ 15ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು ಯೋಜನೆ ನಿರ್ಬಂಧಿತ ಅನುದಾನದಡಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲು ಅರ್ಹ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ನಿರ್ದಿಷ್ಟ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ (Standard Tender Document) ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು KPPP ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ (Website: kppp.karnataka.gov.in/) ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

I. DMA/2026-27/BD/WORK_INDENT57874 - ರೂ. 86.37 ಲಕ್ಷ

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 22.05.2026 ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆ
ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ಡನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 25.05.2026 ಪೂರ್ವಾಹ್ನ 10.30 ಗಂಟೆ
ಹಣಕಾಸಿನ ಬಿಡ್ಡನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 27.05.2026 ಪೂರ್ವಾಹ್ನ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆ

ಸಹಿ/-, ಮುಖ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಪುರಸಭೆ, ಕಾರ್ಕಳ

Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
No.8, "Samparka Soudha", Dr. Rajkumar Road,
Rajajinagar 1st Block, Bengaluru-560 010. Telefax : 080-22024000
e-mail : mdkrdcl@gmail.com, cekrdcl@gmail.com Website: http://www.krdcl.in

No: KRDCL/IFB/2026-27/8 Date: 14.05.2026

INVITATION OF BIDS FOR COLLECTION OF ROAD USER FEE
(through KPP Portal)

Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited (KRDCL) invites bids from reputed agencies for **Collection of User Fee from Toll Plazas near Yashwanthnagar and Banihatti village on Kudlagi - Sandur - Thorangalu road having a length of 39.60 km in the State of Karnataka.** SH Number: **SH-40.** Length (in km): **39.60.** Estimated annual remittance (EAR) (in lakhs): **447.81.** EMD (in lakh) : **6.72.**

Interested bidder may access bidding documents for more information and also upload the tenders on KPP portal **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in (a)** Last date for submission of bids: **29.05.2026 upto 17:30 Hrs. (b)** Date and time of opening of Technical bids is : **01.06.2026 at 11:30 Hrs. at KRDCL Head Office.**

*Please note henceforth, any changes in the schedule will not be published through Newspapers and further changes if any, will be updated only on KPP Portal / KRDCL website : **https://www.krdcl.in**

Sd/- Chief Engineer KRDCL, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/YC/655/2026-27

Government of Karnataka - Zilla Panchayat
Office of The Executive Engineer,
Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Chikkamagaluru
Ph No.: 08262-220936 e-mail: zpedckm@rediffmail.com
Tender Notice No.: 46/2025-26/2nd Call/386 D: 13.05.2026

Tender Notice

Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Chikkamagaluru invites Tenders through K.P.P.P. related to works of Chikkamagaluru, Koppa, N.R. Pura, Sringeri and Tarikere Taluks in Chikkamagaluru District. Max. Approx. Amount put to Tender is Rs. 82.66 lakhs and Min. Approx. amount is Rs. 16.33 lakhs. Details of capability to undertake or of having implemented the works should be attached as per Standard Tender Document KW – 1, 2 & 3. For the said works the documents downloaded from K.P.P.P. can be filled and uploaded from 13.05.2026 to 27.05.2026 up to 5.30 PM. Technical Bid will be opened on 29.05.2026 at 5.05 PM. If possible the Financial Bid will be opened on 05.06.2026 at 11.00 AM. If this day is declared as holiday then the next day will be considered. Notice can be read on www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in Further details can be obtained by contacting the case worker during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Chikkamagaluru.

DIPR/CKM/KSMCA/26-27/29/222

TAMILNADU NEWSPRINT AND PAPERS LIMITED
Kagithapuram - 639 136, Karur Dist., Tamil Nadu.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender No.	Material Description	Due Date
262713 000940	Imported Limestone for Soda Recovery Plant through Stock and Sale Basis	25.05.2026

Submission of E-tender at **https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**
Corrigendum if any will be issued in TNPL Website and NIC Portal only. Detailed Terms & Conditions, Qty, Tender Fee, EMD etc., are available in tender document at our websites: **www.tnpl.com / www.tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**

DIPR/1898/Tender/2026 *TNPL - Maker of bagasse based eco-friendly Paper*

TOURISM CORPORATION OF GUJARAT LIMITED (TCGL)
(A Government of Gujarat undertaking)
Udyog Bhavan, Block No. 16, 4th Floor,
Sector - 11, Gandhinagar - 382 011
Website: https://www.gujarattourism.com

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST NOTICE

Expression of Interest is invited from reputed and experienced parties for **"Empanelment of Agencies for setting up of Theme Pavilions in various Events and Exhibitions for Gujarat Tourism".**

The project requirements, eligibility criteria, selection process, etc. are included in the EOI document, which shall be available for download from the websites **https://tender.nprocure.com/.** and **https://www.gujarattourism.com** from **15/05/2026 onwards.**

The last date and time for submission of the Application (both online and physical) is 05/06/2026 up to 3:00 pm.

Managing Director

ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ
ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಶಿವಗಂಗೋತ್ರಿ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ-577007.
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ದಾವಿಃಅಭಿ:387/2026-27/741 ದಿನಾಂಕಃ 12.05.2026

ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮರು ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯದ ಸ್ನಾತಕೋತ್ತರ ಸೂಕ್ಷ್ಮ ಜೀವಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ ಅಧ್ಯಯನ ವಿಭಾಗಕ್ಕೆ VGST ಪ್ರಾಯೋಜಿತ ಯೋಜನೆಗೆ ಅಗತ್ಯವಿರುವ ವೈಜ್ಞಾನಿಕ ಉಪಕರಣಗಳನ್ನು ಖರೀದಿಸುವ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ (ಕೆ.ಟಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ) ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 1999, ನಿಯಮಗಳು 2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ E-Portal Tender ಮೂಲಕ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

Tender Name: Supply For Scientific Equipments For Department of Studies in Microbiology

Tender No: DU/2025-26/IND0036/CALL-2

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 18.05.2026

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ website:-www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in ಅಥವಾ ಕುಲಸಚಿವರು, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ, ಶಿವಗಂಗೋತ್ರಿ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ದೂ.ಸಂ:08192-208029 ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವುದು.

ವಾಸಾಇ/ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ/79/ಕೆಎಸ್ಎಂಸಿಎ/2026-27

ಸಹಿ/- ಕುಲಸಚಿವರು, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ, ಶಿವಗಂಗೋತ್ರಿ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.: KPTCL/CGMT/CIVL(B121)/4/2026 (E-309325) Date: 14.05.2026

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPPP mode only)

KPTCL invites e-procurement bids from eligible bidders for the work of providing kitchen equipments and other allied works in first floor of Indhana Bhavana, Bengaluru. The offers will be received in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only. The approximate cost of the work put to tender is **Rs.44.43 lakhs** (including GST). Other details regarding qualifying requirements, duration of contract, EMD and details regarding participating in E-procurement process etc., can be obtained by logging onto KPTCL website: **www.kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** hyperlink 'E Procurement KPTCL' or **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 20.05.2026.** Any details required in this regard can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours (Mobile No. 96116 51015).

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Civil), KPTCL, Corporate Office, Indhana Bhavana, A.R. Circle, Bengaluru

BENGALURU SOUTH CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Zone-2,
HSR Division, HSR Layout, BDA Complex, Bengaluru - 560102.

No:BSCC/EE/HSRD/Tend-04/2026-27 (2nd Call) Date: 14-05-2026

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Two Cover Tender) (Through GOK KPP Portal Only)

The Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Zone-2, HSR Division, BSCC, Bengaluru invites Tender from eligible Contractors registered in BSCC or equivalent registration with KPWD / CPWD / BWSSB / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the Work detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Engaging House Keeping and Security Guards at Various Locations in Bommanahalli Zone-2. **(2nd Call) - Estimated Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 295.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 2,95,000.00**

Calendar of Events: 1) The Tender Document can be Downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 15-05-2026. 2)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **20-05-2026 at 11.00 AM in the Office of the Executive Engineer, HSR Division, HSR Layout, BDA Complex, Bengaluru - 560102. 3)** Last Date for Submission of Tender Documents **on or before 16.00 Hours on 23-05-2026. 4)** Tender will be Opened on the Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in at the Office of the Executive Engineer, HSR Division on 25-05-2026 at 16.30 Hours onwards.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, HSR Division, BSCC.

BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru-560 020

No.: BDA/EE/DSKL/TEND/PMC/Sports Complex/01/2026-27 Date: 14.05.2026

INVITATION FOR SHORT-TERM TENDER (IFT)
(Through GoK KPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)

Tender is invited from applicants/Consultants through GoK KPPP for the following work by the Executive Engineer, DSKL Division, BDA, Bengaluru on behalf of the Commissioner, BDA, Bengaluru.

Name of the work : Consultancy Services for preparation of DPR for International Sports Complex at Dr. K. Shivarama Karantha Layout, Bengaluru. Cost of work proposed (including GST): **Rs. 600.00 Crores.** EMD: **As per the e-procurement.** Stipulated Period of Completion: **3 Months.** Eligibility of Contractor and Category: **NABL & ISO Certified Consultant.**

Calendar of Events: (1) Availability of tender documents in e-Procurement portal: **15.05.2026 onwards. (2)** Last date of receipt of queries: **27.05.2026 up to 13.00 hrs. (3)** Date of pre-bid meeting: **25.05.2026 up to 16.00 hrs. (4)** Last date of submission of tenders: **30.05.2026 up to 16.00 hrs. (5)** Date of opening technical bid: **01.06.2026 up to 16.15 hrs.** For Calendar of events & further details, please log on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact e-Procurement helpdesk on 080-46010000/68948777.

Helpline / Whatsapp: 9483166622 (24x7) @BDAOfficialGok

Sd/- Executive Engineer, DSKL Division, BDA, Bengaluru

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Office of the Executive Engineer,
PWD, Tumkur Division, Tumkur. Phone : 0816-2272479.

No. : E.E./K.P.W.D./Tmk/J.E.-1/T.No 13/2026-27 Date : 13-05-2026

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION
Invitation For Tender (IFT) KW - 3

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Tenders are invited in **Two Cover System for Class-3** Contractors registered in PWD for 01 Work under 4059 CMIDP Head of Account in the jurisdiction of Tumkur Division through KPPP Portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).** The Dates are Published as below.

Amount Put to Tender Rs. 75.20 Lakhs, EMD Amount Rs. 1,50,500/-. 1) Last Date for Tender Information Enquires : 20-05-2026 @ 17.30, 2) Last Date for Submission of Tender : 21-05-2026 @ 16.00, 3) Date of Opening the Technical Bid : 22-05-2026 @ 16.30, 4) Date of Opening the Financial Bid : 25-05-2026 @ 17.00.

Note : Turnover Certificate without UDI Number will not be considered. Here after any changes with reference to this Notified in E-Portal only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD, Division, Tumkur.

DIPR/Tumakuru/05/Manipal/2026-27

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Special Land Acquisition Officer, No. 14/3, 1st Floor,
Aravinda Bhavana Building, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru-560001

No. : KIADB/LAQ/(K-RIDE)/154/2026-27 Date:11.05.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE
(Under section 28(2) of KIAD Act 1966)

It is hereby given publication for the information of the public that the **KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD. Bengaluru** has proposed to acquire the following scheduled properties for the purpose of Corridor-4 of Karnataka Rail Infrastructure Development Company Limited (K-RIDE). The Preliminary Notification Under Section 28(1) in this behalf is issued vide Notification No: CI 31 SPQ 2026 Bengaluru dated:**18-04-2026** by the Government of Karnataka and the same has already been published in the Karnataka Gazette **dated:27-04-2026**

All the absolute owners and interested persons in the Schedule properties specified below shall file their OBJECTIONS IF ANY to the undersigned, Notice u/s 28(2) of KIAD Act, has already been served to the notified Khatedar/Anubhavdar, interested persons. As some of the property owners refused to receive the notice and address of some of the Khatedars are not available, notices could not be served. Hence, this notice is published in the Newspapers to provide opportunity to them.

Any contracts for the disposal of the said lands by sale. Mortgage, Assignment, Exchange or otherwise or any improvement made therein without prior permission of the competent authority, after the date of publication of this notification under the provisions of KIAD Act 1966 will be disregarded while assessing compensation for such parts of the said lands as may be finally acquired.

The map of the area comprised therein and the notification specifying the lands which is proposed to be acquired may be verified in the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, KIADB, (K-RIDE), Bengaluru during the office hours on all working days. Enquiry is fixed on **29.05.2026 at 11.00 a.m.** in the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, K.I.A.D.B. (K-RIDE), No. 14/3, 1st Floor, Aravinda Bhavana Building, and Bengaluru. Interested persons are hereby requested to be present with relevant documents. Failing which, it will be considered that there is no objection from your side and further action will be taken in accordance with law.

Schedule

SL No.	I.D. No.	Property Owner	L.A/CT Sy. No.	Total Extent	Area acquired (sq.Mtr)
Enquiry Date: **29-05-2026** Time: **11.00 a.m** Village : **Akkupete** Hobli: **Kasaba** Taluk: **Devanahalli**					
1	C1/R/40/450-500/ AKKUPETE/01	Koneru Lakshmaiah Education Foundation Represented By President Koneru Sathyanayana Represented By Mandave Subba Rao	112	1416.38	514.91
2	CI/R/0/1.5-2.5/ AKKUPETE/01	Koneru Lakshmaiah Education Foundation Represented By President Koneru Sathyanayana Represented By Mandave Subba Rao	113	3844.46	825.71
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6	CI/R/40/325-375/ AKKUPETE/01	1.Parvinthaj Abdulvahab 2.Jaheera Say Abdulvahab	108/2	1517.55	40.27
7	CI/R/40/325-375/ AKKUPETE/02	Jaheera W/o Sayhad Abdul Vahab	108/3	1517.55	176.13
8	CI/R/40/325-375/ AKKUPETE/01	Kharab	109	-	94.86
9	CI/R/40/350-450/ AKKUPETE/01	1.Shahajad-Sayyad Abdul vahab 2.Mamthaj Sayyad Abdulvahab 3.Jaheera SayyadAbdulvahab	110/4	5564.35	1063.03
10	CI/R/0/2.5-2.75/ AKKUPETE/01	K N Yallappa S/o Late K T Narayanappa	116	3540.95	562.49
11	CI/R/0/2.75-3.75/ AKKUPETE/01	G V Rekha Venugopal W/o G N Narayanappa	117/1	1315.21	163.52
12	CI/R/0/2.75-3.75/ AKKUPETE/02	K N Yallappa S/o Late K T Narayanappa	117/2	3642.12	369.02
13	CI/R/0/3.75-4.75/ AKKUPETE/01	Sumadhurariyalti represented by G Madhusudan Sriyaram Vijay Kumar	118	2225.74	335.09
14	CI/R/0/4.75-5.0/ AKKUPETE/01	Sumadhurariyalti represented by G Madhusudan Sriyaram Vijay Kumar	119	2225.74	76.91
15	CI/R/0/6.5-5.0/ AKKUPETE/01	Khathedhar Name not Mention to RTC	121/1A	14568.48	779.85 (K) 110.00 889.85
16	CI/R/0/6.5-5.0/ AKKUPETE/02	1.Akhila W/o S Gururaj 2.Devaraj S/o Chikkamuniyappa 3.Venkatesh S/o Chikkamuniyappa 4.K N Yallappa S/o Late K T Narayanappa 5.Sumaduriyalti represented by G Madusudan, Sriyaram Vijay Kumar	121/1B	1922.23	466.06
17	CI/R/0/6.5-5.0/ AKKUPETE/03	J V Rekha Venugopal W/o G N Venugopal Bhu.pa	121/2	1719.89	2.11
18	CI/R/0/7-8.5/ AKKUPETE/01	Sumadhurariyalti represented by G Madhusudan Sriyaram Vijay Kumar	122/3	3136.27	37.05
19	CI/R/0/8-9/ AKKUPETE/01	Khathedhar Name not Mention to RTC	123/1	8093.6	2610.00
20	CI/R/0/8-9/ AKKUPETE/02	Khathedhar Name not Mention to RTC	123/2	13455.61	4366.06
21	CI/R/40/225/-330/ AKKUPETE/01	Yashwanth Shenai S/o Late H V Shany	104	2124.57	570.13
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27	CI/R/40-41/0.09HIRE AMANIKERE/02	1.P S Murthy S/o Late Achappa 2.Ramesh S/o Late Achappa 3.ShriDhar S/o Late Achappa	112/2	2124.57	979.33
28	CI/R/40-41/0.09HIRE AMANIKERE/03	Papaksh Adiveppamagadumma S/o Late Adiveppa Bhu.pa	112/3	910.53	367.37
29	CI/R/40-41/0.09HIRE AMANIKERE/04	K V Jayaramu S/o Krishnaiah	112/4	2428.08	783.49
30	CI/R/40-41/ 0.09HIRE AMANIKERE/05	Jayashankara S/o Late Achappa	112/6	404.68	342.89
31	CI/R/40-41/ 0.09 HIRE AMANIKERE/06	H K Muniyaraju S/o Late Kariyanna	112/7	151.75	1.81
32	CI/R/0/6.2-4.5/ HIRE AMANIKERE/01	B Mahesh S/o M C Basavaraju	105	7385.41	990.81
33	CI/R/2.5/0/HIRE AMANIKERE/01	M Chandrashekhar S/o Munishamappa	109	1922.23	98.81
34	CI/R/40/8-9/HIRE AMANIKERE/01	K Vijayaramu S/o Krishnaiah	110/3	4451.48	423.87
35	CI/R//40.950-40.975/ HIRE AMANIKERE/01	K V Jayaramu S/o Krishnaiah	111/3	1922.23	464.50
36	CI/R//40-41/0.09/HIRE AMANIKERE/01	M Somashekhar S/o Late G Munikrishnappa	113/1	607.02	432.03
37	CI/R/41/925-900/HIRE AMANIKERE/01	1.A Nagarajappa S/o Late Annayappa 2.A Vijaya Kumar S/o Late Annayappa 3.Ambuja W/o Late rajanna 4.A Jagadhamba S/o Late Annayyappa 5.A Rajeshwari D/o Late Annayyappa	63	3642.12	243.92
38	CI/R/41/725-925/HIRE AMANIKERE/01	National Highway 7 Bhuswadina Baratha Sarkara	64/2	1416.38	42.47
39	CI/R/41/725-925/HIRE AMANIKERE/02	C N Nirmala W/o Late B Sudhindra	64/3	1719.89	146.13
40	CI/R/41/725-925/HIRE AMANIKERE/03	C Venkateshaiah S/o Late Chikkavenkatappa.	64/4	1416.38	487.28 (K)101.17 588.45
Village : **Sanna Amanikere** Hobli: **Kasaba** Taluk: **Devanahalli**					
41	CI/R/1/2-3/SANNA AMANIKERE/01	Chitrabali W/o Late V K Bali	8/1	1011.7	481.53
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43	CI/R/1/1-2/SANNA AMANIKERE/01	N H Bastharf Reddy S/o N H P Shiva Reddy	21	12848.59	2934.54
44	CI/R/0/09/9-5/SANNA AMANIKERE/01	N H bhaskar Reddy S/o N H P Shiva Reddy	22	8902.96	3101.56
45	CI/R/0/09/9-4/SANNA AMANIKERE/01	M Chandrashekhar S/o Mapparappa	24/3	1138.16	35.51
Village : **Upparahalli** Hobli: **Kasaba** Taluk: **Devanahalli**					
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47	CI/R/40/50-125/ UPPARAHALLI/02	1.Thahashildar Devanahalli Thaluku, Karnataka Sarkara paravagi 2.Y C Sathish Kumar S/o Y S Channarasappa	10/2	6171.37	28.29
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Keegan Smith's brush with a horrific accident and his miraculous comeback

The American had suffered a temporal bone fracture, haematoma and other major injuries before making a dramatic positive return to professional tennis

TENNIS

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On a higher plane: A deeply spiritual man, Smith swears by meditation and yoga. K. MURALI KUMAR

The rigours of professional tennis must feel like a cakewalk for Keegan Smith, given that he has overcome far greater challenges in life.

As a college senior some years ago, Smith suffered a horrific skateboarding accident.

A temporal bone fracture, haematoma and other major injuries left Smith fearing the worst.

"There was a moment in the hospital where I seriously felt like I was going to die," Smith said here on Thursday.

From lying in the hospital bed with little hope, the American made a miraculous recovery.

"The haematoma in my head was blocking blood flow. It got really scary, because they gave me a blood thinner, and then the other side of my head started bleeding. But then one day I woke up and the doctors said that blood started going back into my arteries," Smith, the top seed in the Karnataka Open ATP Challenger, said.

"They told me they had never seen a recovery like that. Most people with brain injuries can't talk, can't walk. This higher power – whatever you want to call it – is protecting us," Smith added.

Smith's new lease on life began in dramatically positive fashion. Just a couple of months after recovering from the accident, he won an ITF M15 tournament. "That was really crazy. It's a really cool story. I couldn't think of life without tennis, so I just got right back into it," Smith said.

The 27-year-old has since made rapid strides, having climbed to a career-best world ranking of 289. "I'm really, really proud of myself. I've been in a deep hole, and yet now I'm playing the best tennis of my life," Smith said.

A deeply spiritual man and yoga practitioner, Smith was thrilled to partake in meditation sessions at the Ramakrishna Math here.

Smith swears by the art of yoga. "It's great because you link the breath to the body. This allows my body to relax and reset. A lot of times, we live in our mind and in our head, reacting and stressing over things and thoughts that aren't even happening," he said.

"With yoga, I find myself being much softer to people, and much kinder and loving to myself. It helps release a lot of the stress that I go through in tennis. No materialistic success, or even success in tennis, will ever bring me the peace that meditation and yoga brings," Smith said.

Sinner sets Masters win-streak record

Agence France-Presse
ROME

Jannik Sinner reached the semifinals of the Italian Open on Thursday after seeing off Andrey Rublev and establishing a new record of consecutive wins in Masters 1000 tournaments.

Another straight-sets victory, this time 6-2, 6-4 over Rublev, moved Sinner up to 32 straight wins in the ATP's top-ranked events, one more than the previous record established by Novak Djokovic in 2011.

Own story

"I don't play for records, I play just for my own story," said Sinner on court.

"At the same time, it means a lot to me, but tomorrow is another day, another opponent, a different opponent."

Rublev was Sinner's first seeded opponent at this year's tournament in Rome and the World No. 1 made short work of his task in front of a delighted centre court.

On Friday, Sinner could face Daniil Medvedev, winner of the 2023 title at the Foro Italico, with the seventh seed taking on lucky loser Martin Landaluce.

Sinner looks near unbeatable at the moment and with his great rival Carlos Alcaraz out injured he is heavy favourite to become the first Italian to win the Rome title in five decades, with a potential career Grand Slam on the cards at the French Open.

Rublev offered little resistance, the Russian dropping his own serve in the first game of both sets to give Sinner a handy leg-up, and committing 28 unforced errors in 18 games.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Chandrasekharan, Akhilesh shine for Freelancers CC

M. Akhilesh Yadav (81) and Chandrasekharan Jayaram (5/32) starred for Freelancers CC in its 153-run win over Bangalore Occasionals in the KSCA u-16 inter-club tournament.

The scores: Palar SC, Kolar 114 in 22 overs (Arya Ayyappan 5/40) lost to Social Cricketers 118/5 in 22 overs. Freelancers 223 in 46 overs (M. Akhilesh Yadav 81, Sajal Bansal 4/39) bt Bangalore Occasionals 70 in 19.3 overs (Chandrasekharan Jayaram 5/32). Neptune 123 in 34.3 overs (Srijesh Parthiban 83, Atharv Karadi 4/20) lost to RVCE Gymkhana 124/1 in 17.4 overs (P. Lithik Reddy 52 n.o., S.N. Avaneesha 58 n.o.).

Preetesh, Ritesh power Palar to big win

Preetesh's (143) century and Ritesh Bhatkal's (six for 46) six-wicket haul were instrumental in Palar SC's (Kolar) 128-run victory over Visweswarapuram CC (2) in the KSCA Y.S. Ramaswamy Memorial Trophy for fourth and fifth division clubs.

The scores: Palar SC, Kolar 306 in 45.5 overs (Preetesh 143) bt Visweswarapuram (2) 178 in 40 overs (B. Krithin 82, P. Mahesh Kumar 35, Ritesh Bhatkal 6/46). Dooravani Cricketers (1) 228 in 43.1 overs (M. Shivu 50, Harshit Pai 54, B. Vineeth 49, Vivek Naik 44 n.o.) lost to Swastic Union (1) 231/8 in 46.5 overs (E.J. Jasper 76, M. Shivu 4/44). Malleswaram United 107 in 33.5 overs lost to Visweswarapuram (1) 108/2 in 15 overs (Nishith Raj 40).

Vultures 265/9 in 50 overs (C.R. Kumarswamy 92, Shikhar Shetty 62, Shane Ryan 5/38) bt Jawahar SC (2) 235 in 48.4 overs (Vedanth Iyer 85, R. Ajith 46, Dhanush Gowda 5/43). Star Sports Club, Nelamangala 236 in 48.2 overs (P. Shashank 94) lost to Modern 237/6 in 39.3 overs (Arnav Anil 81, Ansh Aima 51). Engrades 178 in 32.3 overs (Abu 41, D. Bharath 5/33) lost to Bharath 180/1 in 23.1 overs (Samyak P. Patil 68 n.o., V. Bharath Kumar 79). Sparklers 130 in 29.3 overs (Tejas Naik 67) lost to Swastic Union (2) 134/3 in 13.5 overs (Vishal Onat 60 n.o.).

FUCC (2) 205 in 43.2 overs (Aden Mark D'Souza 49, Supreeth Kumar 52) lost to Jayanagar Cricketers 208/3 in 21.3 overs (S. Chaitanya 42, B.V. Aryan 52 n.o., D. Avinash 67 n.o.). Sir Syed Cricketers 232 in 45.3 overs (S.J. Nikin Jose 67) bt The Bangalore Cricketers 86 in 21 overs (Kushaal Mahesh Wadhwani 4/13). Social Cricketers 240/9 in 36 overs (Lochan S. Gowda 70, S. Aadarsh Prajwal 60, S. Vishal Kumar 4/62) bt National United 133 in 30.5 overs (Anmol Mathur 4/29).

Play Smart has it easy

Play Smart FC defeated United AC by a 4-0 margin in a Group C match of the KSFA C-division league football on Thursday.

Other results: Group C: FX FC Bangalore bt Technico FF 3-2; BM FC bt Vanquisher Sports 3-2; **Group D:** FC Real Bengaluru bt Freelancers FC 6-0; Bangalore Champs Academy bt North East Youth FC 6-0.

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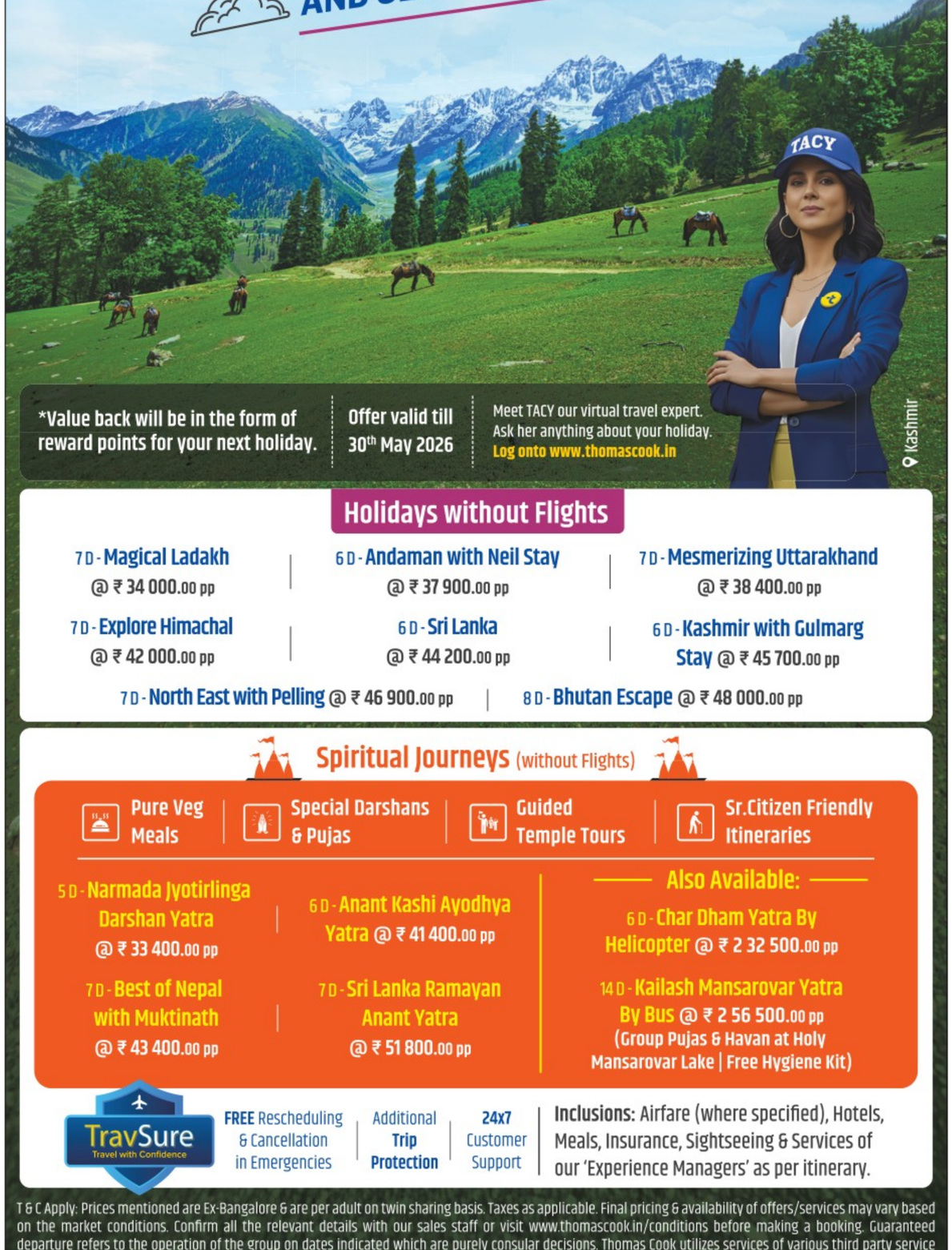

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